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COMMENT OF THE DAY

WESTERN TALKS

PRIOR to the meeting of the Nato Foreign Ministers in Copenhagen some members of the Alliance were apparently not in full agreement with the majority on the subject of "summit" talks with the Soviet Union.

But the outcome of the meeting seems to indicate that most differences have been resolved and that the West has decided on firmness combined with flexibility in its approach to Russia. Firmness is reflected in the tone of the communiqué and in statements such as by the Italian Foreign Minister, Signor Giuseppe Pella, that prospects for a summit meeting are frankly not good.

German Problem

DESPITE previous Soviet rejections the fifteen nations of the Alliance have firmly endorsed in the communiqué that the German problem should be discussed at any summit conference.

Delegates have agreed that they must make no political concessions without equivalent Soviet compensation but that they must work for top level conference with patience and care. The Western firmness is the reaction to the hardening of Soviet policy in the last few weeks. This has been manifested in the Soviet veto of the United States Arctic inspection proposals and in the latest Russian memorandum listing in what are described as rigid terms the Soviet idea of agenda points for a summit meeting and other details.

Speculated

As a result, many in the Nato countries have speculated whether the Russians are as serious now in wanting talks as they were several months ago.

On the other hand the West can be regarded as displaying flexibility in the readiness announced by Britain, the United States and France to include their ally Italy in future high level talks with the Soviet Union.

And this is a departure from previous insistence that such talks should be limited to the Big Three Western Powers and the Soviet Union.

The Government of Italy, therefore, appears to be assuming a more important role on the international stage than at any time since the end of the war.

Indications

FURTHER indications of flexibility are shown by representative of individual delegations, as for example by Mr Sidney Smith of Canada, in suggesting that summit conferences should be held in series, and that in the intervals continuing machinery should be set up to work on agendas with the Russians.

On the one side, the United States, Turkey, West Germany and Italy are among those counselling caution, while Denmark, Norway, Canada and Belgium are inclined to stress the urgency of achieving properly prepared talks.

Disarmament

THE Western Powers at the meeting also tried to take the disarmament problem a step forward by inviting the Russians to join technical expert discussions on control problems. If the Russians continue to reject such overtures the Nato Powers have said that they will consider starting their own expert examinations.

In spite of Western Powers' efforts to find a solution and ease East-West tension there still appears to be little likelihood that the Soviet Union will even meet them half way.

NATO ALLIES ACCUSE RUSSIA

'Aggravating International Tension'

Copenhagen, May 7. Foreign Ministers of the 15-nation Nato Alliance ended their three-day conference here today by declaring their determination to continue efforts to bring about a prepared summit conference with Russia.

A communiqué issued after a series of debates behind closed doors said:

"Despite the disappointment and doubt to which the Soviet attitude gives rise the Nato Governments will not be discouraged nor give up their attachment to the principle of negotiation."

Disarmament

It also laid down that controlled disarmament should be one of the main questions on the agenda of summit talks.

The communiqué was issued some hours later than expected because the ministers decided to hold an afternoon session to deal with amendments to the draft presented to them when they met this morning for what was to have been a winding-up session.

While finishing touches were being put to the communiqué the Western Big Three—Britain, the United States and France—issued a joint statement announcing that they did not consider they would necessarily be the only Western nations to take part in a possible conference of Foreign Ministers or in a possible summit conference.

The Foreign Ministers' 650-word communiqué asserted that conferences at the summit were not the only way or necessarily the best way of reducing international tension.

"In any event such conferences must be properly prepared and take place in a favourable atmosphere," the communiqué said.

Communiqué

It accused the Soviet Union of recently "aggravating international tension" by its veto in the Security Council on the United States proposal for setting up a system of international inspection of the Arctic to reduce risks of surprise attack.

The communiqué also expressed the hope that Russia would join in expert technical discussions on detailed control measures for disarmament.

Spaak Questions Russia's Motives On Pre-Summit Talks

Copenhagen, May 7. M. Paul-Henri Spaak, Nato's Secretary-General, said tonight that it was natural that the West should wonder what lay behind the "little tricks" (petites chicanes) used by the Russians in the preparatory talks for a possible summit conference.

Replying to a questioner who asked what was meant by unreasonable Russian conditions mentioned in the communiqué, M. Spaak told a press conference that he did not see why, for example, Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, should oblige the Western Ambassadors to go in Indian file in the preliminary talks instead of seeing them all at once.

"If I were the Foreign Minister of the Soviet Union, I think I would feel strong enough to see three Ambassadors at once," M. Spaak said.

BAD PRINCIPLE

Asked about the question of parity, which the Russians have indicated they favour in summit talks, M. Spaak said it appeared a bad principle to him. Why should it be only a question of three on one side and three on the other, if the three states were of different size, for example where was also the question of parity of population.

Asked what other methods the council had in mind when it said in the communiqué that summit talks were not the only and not necessarily the best way of settling important questions, M. Spaak said: "There are many amongst us who do not

believe in spectacular diplomacy. They think that what are known in the West as the traditional and normal methods of diplomacy are preferable."

In reply to another question, M. Spaak commented: "It is impossible to hold successfully any summit conference which could ignore the German problem."

INVITATION

Asked whether the passage in the communiqué suggesting that technical discussions on control of disarmament should be at experts' level constituted a new invitation to the Russians to begin East-West talks, M. Spaak said, "Yes."

In reply to another question, he said that no formal invitation would be sent by Nato Governments, but that "the Nato communiqué itself, which will be read by the Russians is in fact an invitation."

Returns Home

London, May 7. A tanned and smiling Princess Margaret returned to London by plane tonight from a tour of the West Indies. The Princess, whose plane touched down at 7.10 p.m., was met at the airport by Queen Elizabeth.—United Press.

HALF A MILLION TO STRIKE? RAILWAYMEN HAVE 3 COURSES OPEN

London, May 8. A meeting of trade union chiefs here today decided whether Britain's half million railwaymen join 50,000 London busmen in a pay claim strike.

Leaders of three rail unions will be discussing their next step following the breakdown of wage talks yesterday with Sir Brian Robertson, of the British Transport Commission.

Three possible courses of action appear open to them:

★ To call a strike, either jointly or individually, probably from the end of next week.

★ To make one more approach to Sir Brian Robertson to convert his offer of a re-assessment of wages in July into a firm promise of an increase.

★ To appeal for the intervention in the dispute of Mr Harold Macmillan, the Prime Minister, possibly through the Trades Union Congress.

The unions are seeking an immediate pay rise of about four per cent to meet the increase in the cost of living since their last award, plus a full review later in the year. The Transport Commission, operators of the state-owned rail system, said that it could not afford any increase, then promised a review in the autumn.

The possibility of a rail strike is expected to be a major issue in a House of Commons debate this afternoon on the four-day-old London bus strike.

The Labour opposition has tabled a motion of censure on the Minister of Labour, Mr Ian Macleod, for not having intervened in the bus dispute and on the Conservative Government's economic and industrial policy as a whole.—Reuter.

UNEMPLOYMENT FIGURE UP IN UK

Big Fall In Textile Industry

London, May 8. Unemployment in Britain reached its highest point last month since January, 1953, a Ministry of Labour report disclosed today.

On a check day during April there were 440,000 people registered as unemployed—more than 10 per cent of the working population. At the same date in April last

year the percentage of unemployed was 1.6. In January, 1953, at the height of a textile recession, more than 452,000 were without jobs.

Of last month's 440,000 unemployed, 409,000 were wholly unemployed while the remainder were temporarily stopped from work. The report showed that the biggest fall in employment last

month occurred in the engineering and textile industries. Smaller decreases took place in coal mining, metal manufacture and clothing.

The number of operatives working short-time in manufacturing industries under survey by the ministry was 119,000, which was 16,000 more than in the previous month.—Reuter.

Britain Charges Yemen With Bribing & Arming Tribesmen In Aden

London, May 7. Dissident tribesmen who attacked British forces in the Aden Protectorate last week were "bribed and armed by the Yemeni authorities," a Government spokesman charged today.

Unprecedented Step SPOKESMAN FOR LOWER DECK IN NAVY

London, May 8. The Royal Navy has taken the unprecedented step of appointing a man to act as spokesman for the lower deck.

This action—an experiment—is aimed at improving relations between officers and men.

The man appointed is 41-year-old Chief Petty Officer George Andrews who is officially described as a "Fleet Personnel Rating."

A DIPLOMAT

An Admiralty spokesman described him as "an exceptional man and a diplomat of the highest order."

He is attached to the Mediterranean Fleet and is in constant touch with its Commander-in-Chief, Sir Charles Lamb, who passes on the men's views to the Admiralty.

Describing how CPO Andrews operates, the Admiralty spokesman said: "He applies to the captain of each ship for permission to visit the ratings."

SUGGESTIONS

"He tries to explain to the men any regulations and decisions they don't entirely understand and receives any suggestions they have to make."

"He doesn't go into the running of the ship such as complaints about the captain but sticks to general service matters." The Admiralty is watching the experiment closely. If it succeeds, other fleet personnel ratings may be appointed.—Reuter.

Julian Amery, Parliamentary Under-Secretary of State at the War Office, told a Labour questioner in the House of Commons that around 600 tribesmen had been concerned in the attack last week in which a British political officer was bottled up in a fort for several days. Mr Amery said:

"It has also been reported that some regular Yemeni troops also took part in the attack, but the numbers are uncertain."

CASUALTIES

He told a Labour Member, George Wigg, that "despite strong resistance" British and local Arab troops, supported by planes of the Royal Air Force, had "regained control of the area." He said casualty figures were not yet available but that there had already been notification of 23 wounded among the British forces.

"Enemy casualties are estimated at between 50 and 75," he said, "since then the troops have been engaged in mopping up and patrolling the frontiers and one of these patrols came under machine-gun fire yesterday."

Meanwhile at the United Nations in New York, Britain told the United Nations that yesterday's air raid on Yemeni military targets was carried out in "self-defence."

SELF-DEFENCE

In a letter to the Secretary-General, Mr Dag Hammarskjöld, Britain's permanent representative, Sir Pierson Dixon, cited Article 51, the "self-defence" article of the UN Charter.

He said that under the provisions of the article British forces took measures in self-defence to silence Yemeni heavy machine-guns which had fired on British aircraft.

Sir Pierson said he was sending the letter to Mr Hammarskjöld for the information of the Security Council.—United Press and Reuter.

Espionage

Copenhagen, May 7. Danish diplomat, 63-year-old Einar Blechingsborg who has been Counsellor at the Bonn Embassy, was tonight detained for four weeks after a hearing of charges of espionage. Blechingsborg is suspected of having removed top-secret documents from the Danish Embassy in Bonn and of giving it to a Soviet intelligence man.—France-Press.

Vagrant Sentenced

Amiens, May 7. Robert Avril, a 46-year-old French vagrant, was sentenced to life imprisonment with hard labour today for the 1955 murder of a British school teacher, Janet Marshall.

A jury sentenced Avril to life imprisonment despite the fact that the prosecution had demanded the death penalty. Avril was found guilty on the Somme Assizes, near the spot where on August 28, 1955, the half-naked body of the 20-year-old British girl was found in a wooded thicket.—United Press.

Subandrio Calls In Western Envoys

Singapore, May 7. Indonesian Foreign Minister Subandrio met today with three Western Ambassadors, apparently to discuss charges of foreign intervention in the Indonesian revolt.

The loyalist Indonesian Antara News Agency said in a broadcast monitored in Tokyo that Ambassadors Howard J. Jones of the United States, D. F. MacDermott of Great Britain and L. R. McNally of Australia were summoned to separate meetings.

COINCIDED

The sessions coincided with new charges by the Jakarta Government of Philippines and Nationalist China "involvement" in the rebellion. Previously, the Central Government has asserted US and Nationalist Chinese pilots were flying for the rebels. Afterward Subandrio told newsmen "in his opinion the current foreign intervention in Indonesia can be overcome before long," the agency reported.—United Press.

American Says Offered Aid To Rebels

San Francisco, May 7. Mr Robert Hirsch, of the American Sales Company, said today he had offered rifles and ammunition to the Indonesian rebels last month because "I felt that it would be in the best interests of the United States."

He added that he had made the offer without clearing it with the State Department, and that it was made in the belief that "the guns and ammunition are available through a New York outfit we do business with."

His uncle, Mr Joe Hirsch, said: "We are not in a position to fill the order if it comes."—Reuter.

United States

Keeps Atomic Tests A Secret

Washington, May 7. The Atomic Energy Commission confirmed today that the United States fired the first shot in its atomic test series at Eniwetok Atoll in the Pacific nine days ago. The AEC gave no further details.

It confirmed the blast after Rep. Charles C. Porter (D-Ore.) who has just returned from the test site, disclosed the date of the shot in a speech to the House.

Criticised

Porter strongly criticised the AEC for not publicly announcing the firings as they take place.

The Congressman added: "This kind of public flaunting of secrecy is an affront to the nation and a measure of the arrogance apparently felt by this agency. It is a defiance of the people's right to know."

Porter said he was "flabbergasted" by AEC Chairman Lewis Strauss' explanation that a US announcement of the time and type of each burst would enable Russia to test its ability to detect "our small yield nuclear tests."

Why Not Allow

"If we are concerned with stopping the arms race and establishing a feasible inspection system," Porter said, "then why not allow the Soviets to test their equipment?" Porter suggested three steps for United States: "Stop the tests now, tear off most of the secrecy about atomic developments, and face up to the fact that stumbling into war is far more likely than is deliberate engagement, by any nation's choice."—United Press.

New Crack

Catania, May 7. A new crack has appeared in the summit of Mount Etna at an altitude of nearly 10,000 feet and has spouted lava reaching half a mile down the mountain side, the Volcano Institute of the University of Catania announced here today.—France-Press.

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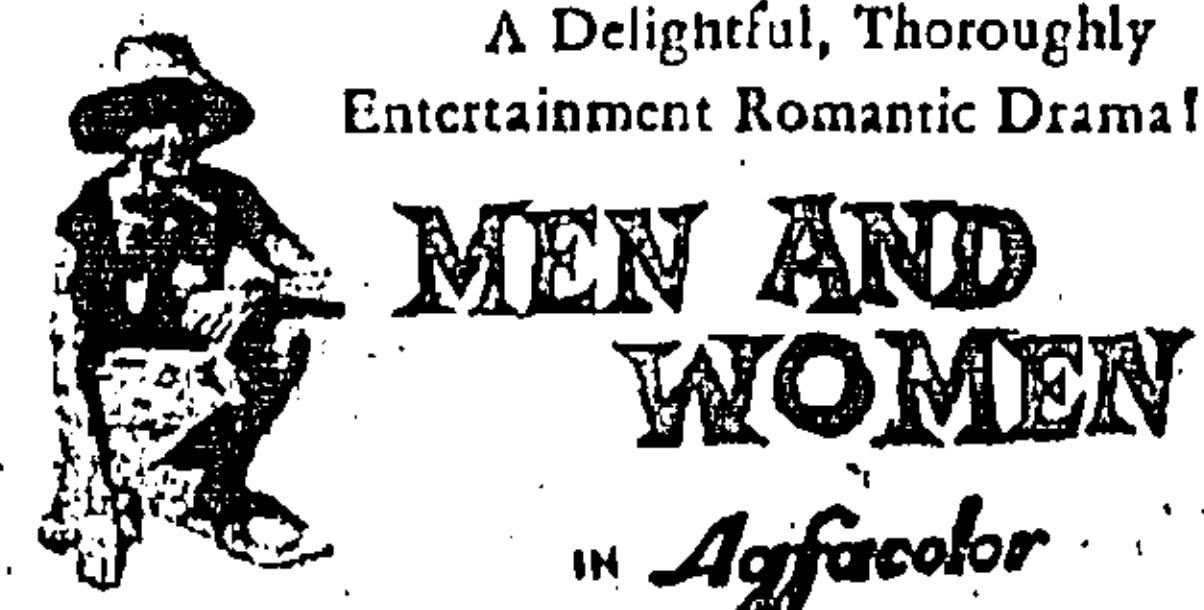
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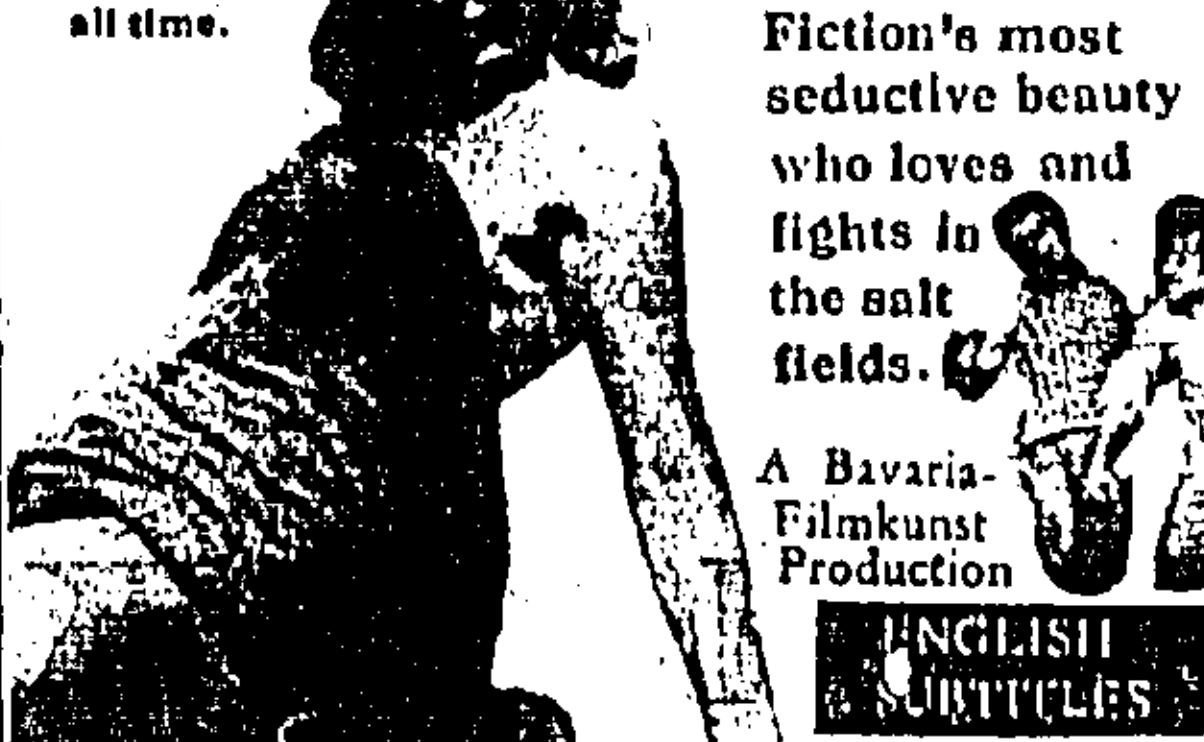
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Puerto Rico Rivers**Overflow Banks**

San Juan, Puerto Rico, May 7. Two rain-swollen rivers inundated one-third of the southern coastal city of Ponce today and forced some 2,000 families to flee their homes.

Six persons died and another was missing in the flash floods which paralysed all industry in the city, Puerto Rico's second largest, police said.

The Portuguese and Canas rivers, swollen from six days of heavy rain, overflowed their banks early this morning.

The governor, Luis Munoz Marin, ordered officials to determine if Ponce should be declared a disaster zone.

ONE OFFICER
FOR
EVERY TWO**PRIVATES**

Brisbane, May 7. Col. K. McKay, Australian Army Personnel Administration Director, reported today the Australian regular Army of 20,800 men has one officer for every two privates.

McKay, after a tour of Army establishments near Brisbane, said the 20,000 men in the Army consisted of 4,000 Commissioned Officers, more than 8,000 Non-Commissioned Officers and less than 8,000 Privates.

"FED UP"

As a result, McKay said, the enlisted men are "fed up with us lot."

McKay said he hoped a committee investigating the Armed Forces pay and conditions would rectify this and other wrongs and boost Australia's recruiting campaign.—United Press.

Suez: Egypt
Agrees
To Pay

Cairo, May 7. The Egyptian authorities have agreed to pay two immediate instalments to the former Suez Canal shareholders in accordance with the agreement announced last week. Treasury sources said here today.

These sources said the payments would be made from Egypt's frozen assets in Britain, which amounted to £3,000,000, and from the additional £5,300,000 collected in transit tolls since the nationalisation of the Canal in 1956.

This would bring the total amount collected for the shareholders since the signature of the final agreement to £13,500,000. The remainder which amounts to £15,000,000 will be paid in five instalments.—France-Press.

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Marshal Tito

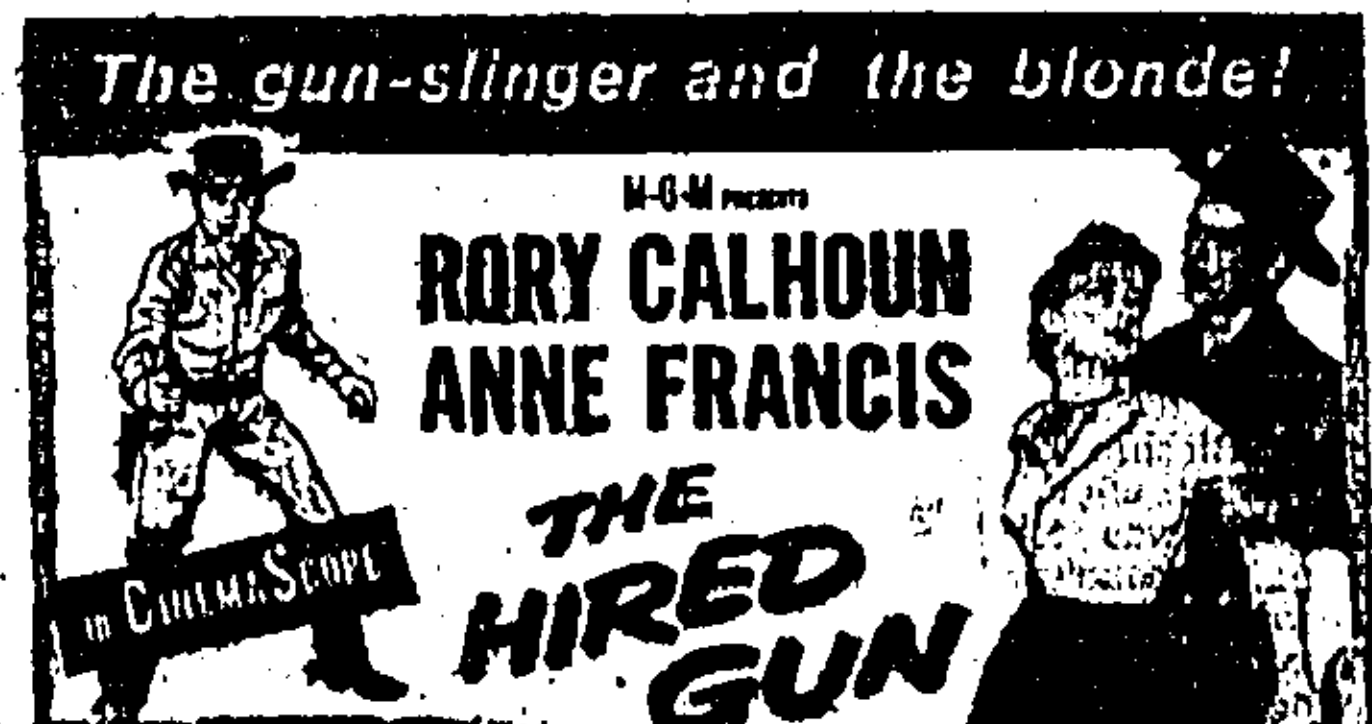
Moscow, May 7. Moscow Radio tonight broadcast a message from Mr Khrushchev, the Soviet leader, congratulating him on his recent re-election as president.

The message was cable to President Tito last month following his re-election on April 10 at the Yugoslav Communist Party Congress. But this is the first time it has been announced in Moscow.—Reuter.

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**Thief Took**
The
Wrong Bag!

London, May 7. THE cry of "stop thief" echoed down a central London street today. The thief ran, but dropped his haul on the pavement—and the chase ceased, abruptly. For the "haul" was a six-foot Ben Consticator, alive and wriggling. "We were suspicious of a man we saw wandering round the shop," said the manager of the pet stores, which housed the snake. "Then I saw him lift the Ben Consticator out of its tank, wrap it around his waist and hurry out of the shop."

A man was later taken to a nearby police station for questioning. The snake was taken along there too—this time in a sack.—China Mail Special.

He Urges A British
Institute
Of Criminology

London, May 7. A Conservative Member of Parliament proposed in the House of Commons tonight the establishment of an institute of criminology in Britain.

Mr H. Montgomery Hyde pointed out that there was not a single chair of criminology in a university or university college in the United Kingdom.

He suggested that high court judges, recorders, and stipendiary magistrates should undergo a course of criminology or even obtain a diploma in it as a condition of their appointment.

Mr David Renton, Home Office under-secretary, said the Home Secretary (Mr R. A. Butler) had been giving much attention to the suggestion to encourage the establishment of an institute of criminology.

He also said the past year had seen a further increase in the hitting power of the British V-bomber force. The proportion of Vulcans had steadily increased and deliveries of Victors had begun.

Lord Götford said manned bombers and fighters would be needed for a good many years to come.—Reuter.

He said all the weather instruments bore notice asking that they be returned to the United States Government.—United Press.

BRITAIN'S
H-BOMBS

London, May 7. Britain's growing stock of atomic weapons was beginning to be supplanted by megaton (hydrogen) bombs, Lord Götford, Foreign Under-Secretary, said tonight.

He was speaking in a House of Lords debate on the Royal Air Force.

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US Balloons
In India

New Delhi, May 7. Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru told Parliament today that four burst weather balloons containing "radioed" instruments have been found in various places in India recently.

He said all the weather instruments bore notice asking that they be returned to the United States Government.—United Press.

MT SCOPUS CONVOY
URNS BACK

Jerusalem, May 7. An Israeli convoy bound for Jordanian-held Mount Scopus enclave returned here today when Jordan stood by a decision to prevent two of the 15 men in the convoy from making the fortnightly relief trip.

The United Nations truce chief, General Carl von Horn, and the Director of the Israeli Defence Ministry's Armistice Affairs Commission, Joseph Tokash, were summoned back to Jerusalem from the Red Sea port of Eilat, where they were on holiday, to tackle the situation.

Last night Jordan informed the UN team that it refused to allow the two men—identified only as A. Cohen and A. Levy—to take part in the regular fortnightly convoy.

A list of the convoy's personnel and contents is always submitted to the UN, which is responsible for convoy arrangements.

Israel government circles expressed surprise over how the list reached the Jordanian authorities since an agreement worked out by the UN mediator, Dr. Francisco Urrutia, in January provides that Jordan does not have the right to know of any convoy details.

Jordan alleged that one of the men formerly infiltrated Jordan and the other was a spy. It was learned that Cohen was a maintenance worker and Levy a librarian. Both men are employed by the Hebrew University. The University buildings are in the Mount Scopus enclave.—United Press.

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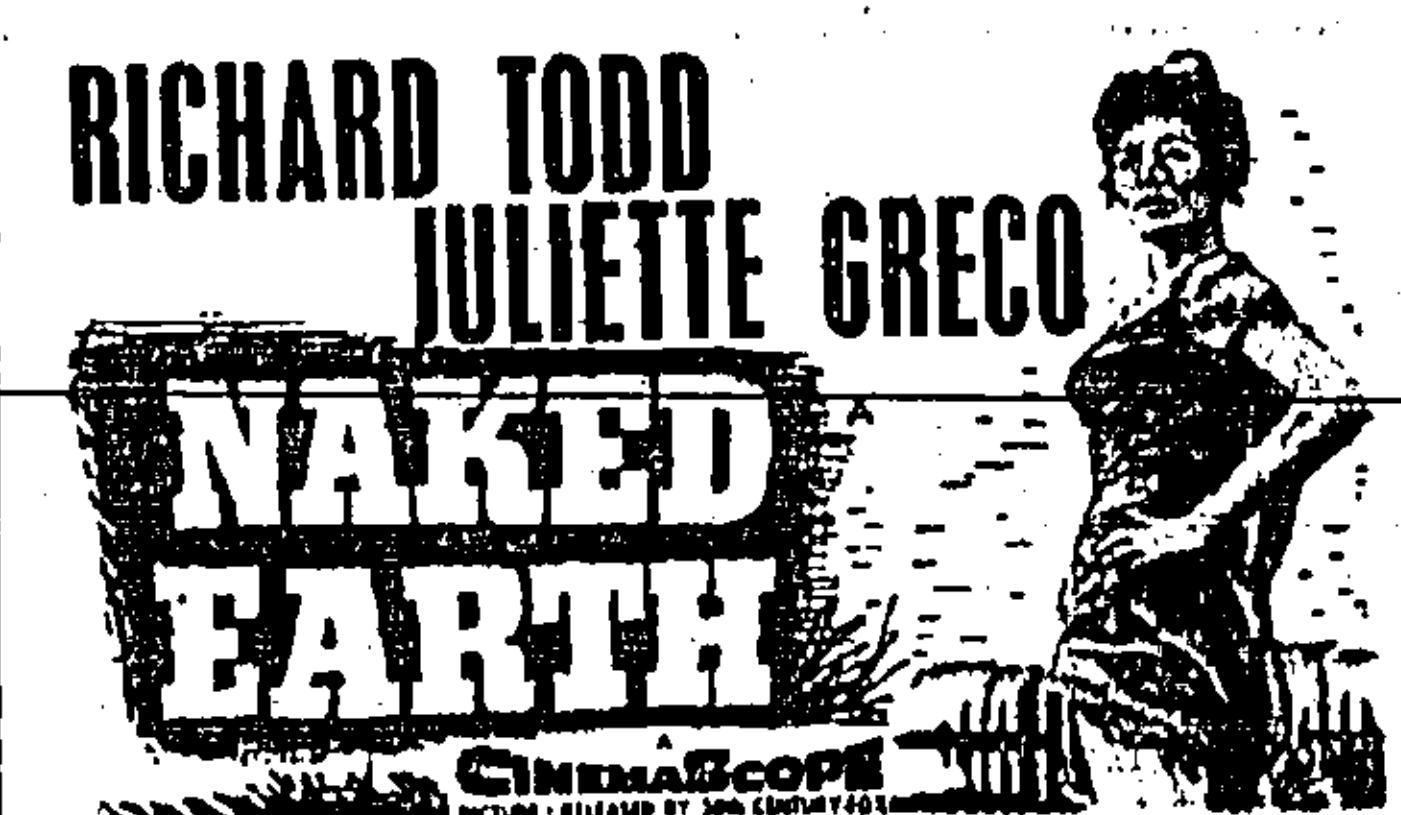
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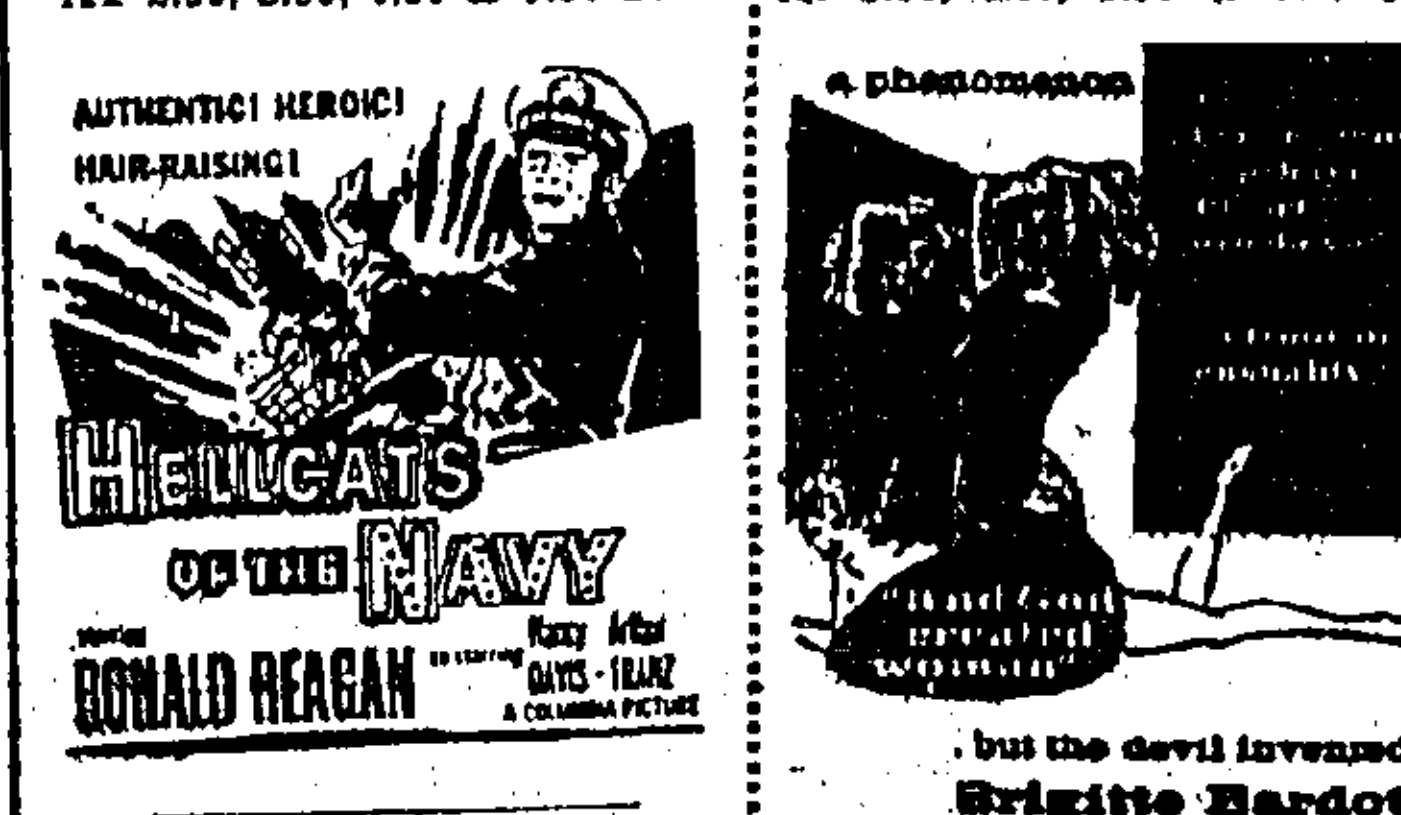
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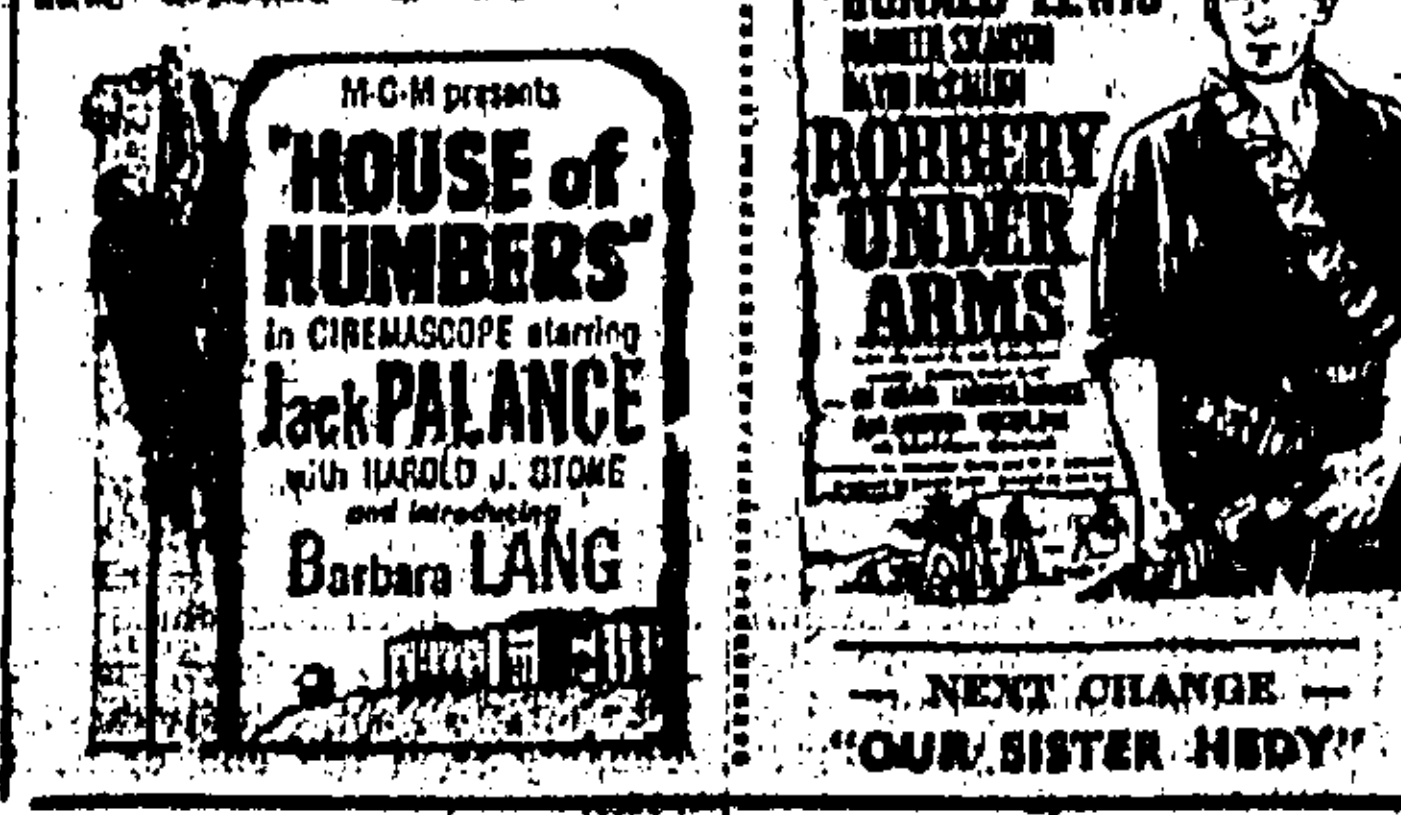


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CABLE BRIEFS

Paris, May 7. Two 60-year-old Parisians who agreed that one be with their shared girl friend on even dates and the other on odd dates are in hospital after a fight over what would happen in months with a 31st day, according to police.

Police state that the man who drew the even dates thought it unfair that the other man should be with their 47-year-old girl friend on a month's 31st day, and then again the next day, the first of the following month.

The two men decided to fight it out and the woman agreed to accept the winner. But police say both fell to the floor at the same moment, one hit on the head with a bottle and the other knifed in the arm.—China Mail Special.

Linville, May 7. Twenty-five years ago thieves broke into the car of newsmen Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Evans of Whitehouse, New York, and stole all their belongings.

Police reported yesterday that thieves had broken into the car of newsmen Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Evans of Whitehouse, New York, and stolen all their belongings.—United Press.

London, May 7. Firemen arrived in force at a Westminster building in answer to reports that thick smoke was pouring out of its windows.

They found Civil Defence officials hard at work on practice rescue manoeuvres after setting off smoke bombs.—United Press.

Lille, May 7. A burglar who didn't have the right attitude about his job sealed his own doom yesterday.

Marcel Nardus, 39, was nabbed by police in mid-morning after he broke into a house, filled a bag with table linen and then lay down to take a nap.—United Press.

London, May 7. Contractors suspended all repair work in the Naval and Military Club here after a woodpigeon decided to nest in the ceiling.

The eggs are expected to hatch next week.—United Press.

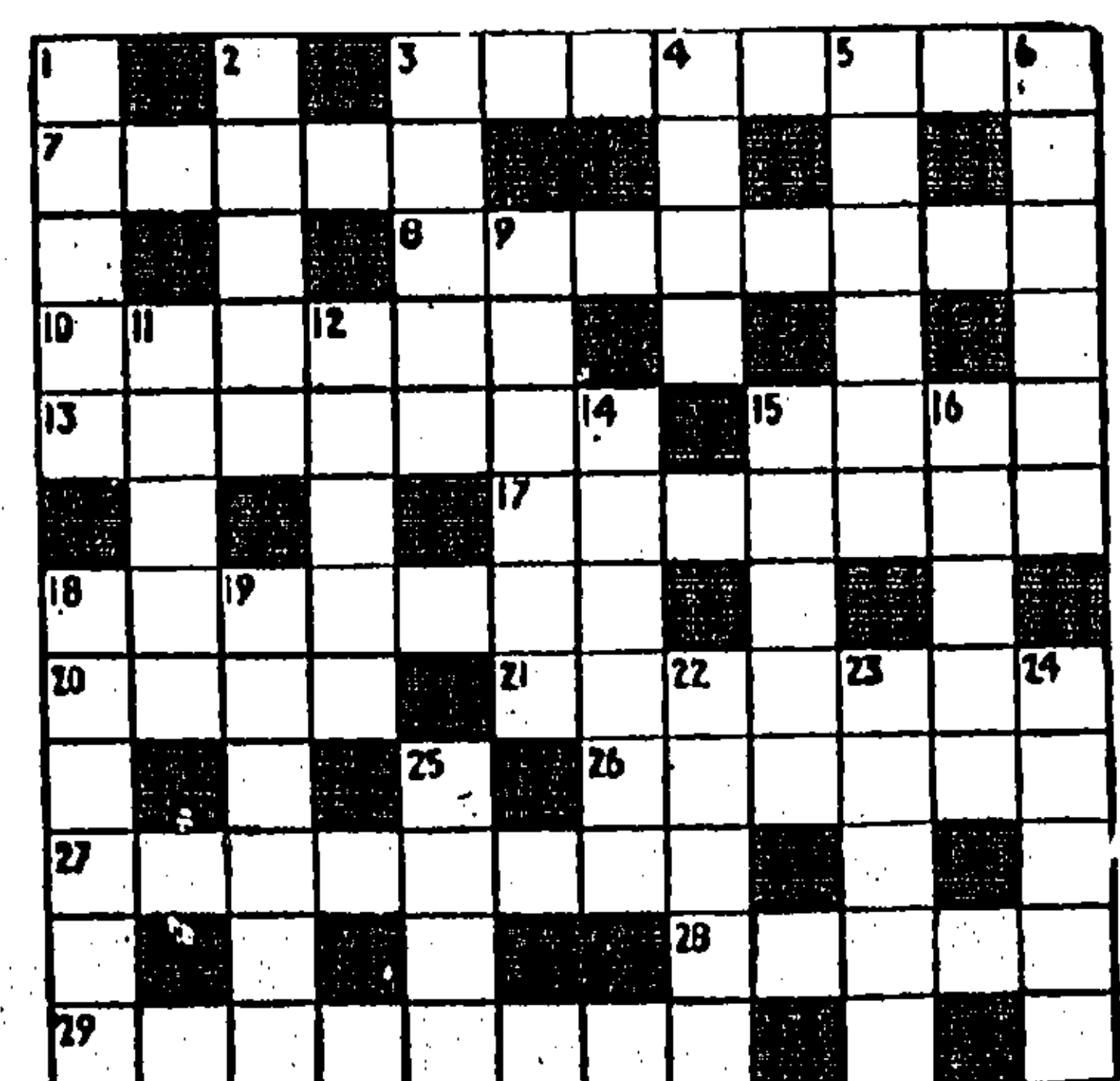
WORLD'S TALLEST FLAGPOLE

London, May 7. A 225-FOOT Douglas fir from British Columbia was towed 16 miles up the Thames to Kew by barge today.

The tree, which is to become the world's tallest flagpole and will stand in Kew Botanical Gardens, was to be lifted ashore at high tide this evening.

A gift to the gardens from the British Columbia Loggers' Association, the tree will be debarked and seasoned for several months before it replaces a rotting 214-foot pole.—China Mail Special.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Struck tennis and disappeared? (8).
 - Dark-brown raw material (5).
 - It's day is the 20th May (8).
 - Empty, but they're essential to hygiene (4).
 - If disclosed they aren't! (7).
 - Bring to ground level (4).
 - Circulated verbally? (7).
 - Business tycoon? (7).
 - Aftermath (4).
 - Went in to complete (7).
 - Heavenly smoke? (6).
 - Not in? Absolutely! (8).
 - On the quiver? (5).
 - Disembodied? (8).
- DOWN**
- Hangs on to cargo space (5).
 - Colour of a shrub (5).
 - Good-for-nothing (5).
 - A distant location (4).
 - London tree? (6).
 - Judged (6).
 - Epithet for a wily one (6).
 - Get out of debt? Possibly (5).
 - Fellers for golfers (5).
 - Horrid smell, mainly fish! (6).
 - Make a two-way allusion? (6).
 - Lucky number? (5).
 - Residences (6).
 - Not a harsh ball (6).
 - The lot (5).
 - Mountain ash (5).
 - American women (5).
 - Not an upright roll (4).

WEDNESDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Balsam, 5 Dense, 8 Haven, 9 Carven, 10 Solid, 11 Maxim, 12 Amy (accents), 13 Sense, 16 Settle, 18 Amuses, 20 Throb, 22 Ache, 23 Ramps, 25 Smear, 26 Laminas, 27 Saver, 28 Crass, 29 Skirts, Down: 1 Baccarat, 2 Leap year, 3 A-hem, 4 Man-ages, 6 Desists, 6 Enamel, 7 Beals, 14 Newcomer, 15 Expenses, 16 Suborn, 17 Temples, 19 Motes, 21 Homer, 24 Sark.

Premier-Designate's Position Appears Compromised
Pleven Faces Difficult Time

Goodbye—Forever!



The town of Warrington, England, watches the 1st Battalion of the South Lancashire Regiment marching off for the last time. For the Regiment is bound for Hongkong, where it

will amalgamate with the East Lancashire Regiment, under the new scheme for streamlining the British Army.—Express.

GIANT PANDA: AN INSTRUMENT OF THE COLD WAR

US State Department Won't Permit An Exchange

New York, May 7.

The giant panda, because it is a resident of China, has become an instrument of cold war diplomacy, it was revealed today.

There's hardly a zoo in the U.S. that wouldn't like to have one of the clown-like members of the raccoon family. In fact, to get one, one zoo offered animal dealer Frederick J. Zeehandelaar more than US\$25,000.

That would be a record price.

But the State Department said no. There's a law forbidding trade with China, Zeehandelaar was told, and since the panda is in Peking, you can't bring him into the United States.

The New Rochelle, N.Y., dealer was out of town today, but his wife said that working with an Austrian who is in Peking, Zeehandelaar traded a few hippopotamuses and a couple of rhinoceroses for a young giant panda.

RARE

Since the giant panda is extremely rare outside China and Tibet, Zeehandelaar threw in a couple of giraffes for good measure.

The Bronx Zoo and the Brookfield Zoo in Chicago were among the many zoos that bid for the panda.

But the State Department was adamant. The law forbidding trade with China is designed to keep U.S. dollars out of Communist hands, it said, and it applies to pandas just like anything else.

It was pointed out that the rule was apparently relaxed in January to admit a pair of dogs from Tibet, by way of Nepal, for Thomas E. Stephens, former special counsel and appointments

Missionary

Margate, May 7. The Very Rev. Raphael Vance, O.S.A., among the first group of Passionist missionary priests to go to China, died yesterday at his sister's home here where he had been ill for some time.—United Press.

Irish Prison Uproar

POLITICAL PRISONERS IN A PITCHED BATTLE

Dublin, May 7. Political prisoners in Mountjoy gaol here fought two pitched battles with warders in breakout attempts yesterday.

Eight warders were treated in hospital for injuries from chair legs and iron bars. Details learned today showed that 18 of the 22 political prisoners broke away from the exercise compound in the morning and made a dash for the walls. Warders grappled with them, but some got as far as the prison wall, where they were held until police arrived. They were then locked in their cells and all privileges stopped. Special branch men sur-

rounded the gaol, while police and warders with walkie-talkies took up positions inside. Tension mounted during the day as the prisoners shouted out their resentment at losing privileges, and in the afternoon they began to smash doors and windows of their cells.

After a second battle they were moved to cells without furniture. Special branch men guarded the gaol last night. The political prisoners tried to tunnel out last month, and went on a hunger strike when they were failed. No more political prisoners have been put in Mountjoy since—China Mail Special.

Algerian Issue Crops Up As A Serious Snag

Paris, May 7.

French Premier-designate, Rene Pleven, today faced the most difficult 48 hours in his attempt to form a new French government.

The investiture debate is fixed, in principle, for Friday, but several times during today, Pleven's position appeared compromised.

Some of the political leaders put forward as possible ministers aroused serious reserves from certain of the groups invited to take part in the government majority.

One of these ministers was Andre Morice, dissident Radical, who has been offered the Defence Ministry. His firmness please the Independents, but he is less popular among the Orthodox Radicals.

Another was the Independent Deputy Louis Jacquinot, whose name has been mentioned in connection with the key post of Minister for Algeria. But the choice has apparently disturbed the Orthodox Radicals as well as the Popular Republicans (Christian Democrats).

The latter, from their part, reduced Pleven's field of choice by telling him they did not want the Algerian portfolio "at any price."

Liberal

Moreover, the Orthodox Radicals, in a communique issued this evening, pointed out that they would only support a government whose composition allowed for a liberal evolution of African policy.

Political observers immediately assumed this to be a reply to the eventual designation of Morice and Jacquinot. Pleven's task is further complicated by the attitude of certain other groups. He has envisaged a broadly based government, including the stars of all the national parties, but this has not materialised.

The Socialists have let him down, and on the right wing, of his majority the Independent leader, Antoine Pinay, considered that his party should

not accept major responsibilities in the new Cabinet.

Pleven intends that the support of the Assembly at Friday's investiture debate should last not for a few weeks but for at least a year, and he intends to ask for very wide powers in economic and financial affairs.

The situation tonight did not appear very promising for the realisation of these aims.

The Independents today secured from him an assurance that any eventual negotiation on the Tunisian airfields would take place only after the neutralisation of the Franco-Tunisian border.

This bringing up of the Franco-Tunisian dispute has the possible merit of recalling the origins of the present crisis. At the same time, it risks stirring up high feelings at the last moment before Pleven presents himself before the Assembly.—France-Press.

Duties Proposed

Kampala, May 7. Mr. Christopher Melmoth, Uganda Finance Minister, today proposed new import duties on textiles which will fall heaviest on cheap cloth from Hongkong, Japan and India.

The duties, which will bring in over £1 million a year, will protect Uganda's new textile industry at Jinja.

Mr. Melmoth told the Legislative Council when introducing his budget that Uganda faced a £2 million deficit in the coming year because of falling world commodity prices.—Reuter.

ROCK 'N' ROLL

Best Music In The World?

New Haven, May 7. A judge upheld a city ban on a rock 'n' roll show here today despite disc jockey Allan Freed's claim that this form of jazz is "the world's best music."

Freed, whose performances have been banned in Boston and cancelled in Troy, New York, and Newark, New Jersey, because of a riot that followed his performance last Saturday, lost his fight for an injunction against Mayor Richard Lee.

INJUNCTION

The dapper disc jockey went into the Common Pleas Court with an application for an injunction that would prevent Lee from enforcing a ban on a performance by the Freed troupe in the New Haven arena tomorrow night.

Mr. Lee ordered the ban on "grounds of decency and public safety." He said that so long as he was Mayor no rock 'n' roll shows would be staged in New Haven.—United Press.

Revised Law To Affect

Gimo's Powers?

Taipei, May 7. TAIPEI's largest Chinese independent newspaper warned today that Parliament's approval of the proposed revision of the press law may affect President Chiang Kai-shek's "correct leadership."

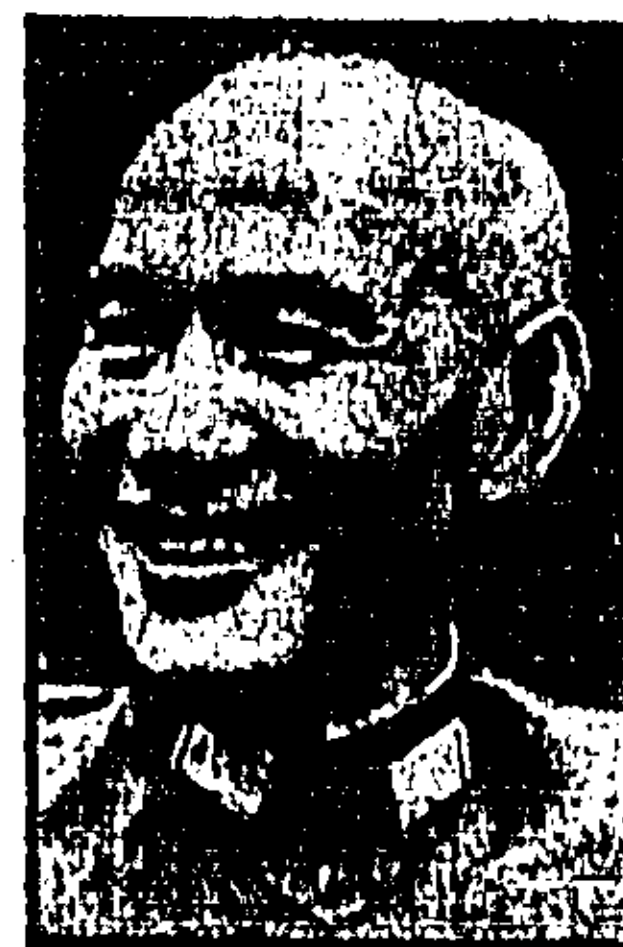
The United Daily News issued the warning in one of a series of editorials attacking the government-proposed press law revision which, if approved, would enable the government to fine, suspend, or to close a newspaper after nine warnings without court trial.

The fate of the nation undoubtedly rests upon the correct leadership of President Chiang Kai-shek, who in turn derives his sound judgment from unfalsified materials collected from different sources," the editorial said.

The sources, it said, are either official reports of his subordinates, which are "unavoidably prejudiced," or the public opinion which "faithfully reflects the true facts of things and events."

The fear of publishers that their newspapers could be closed down under the revised press law would make these official reports the only source by which Chiang and other officials make their judgment, it added.

"An intelligent administration, would, therefore, be impossible," the editorial said.—United Press.



Chiang Kai-shek

'DEATH MARCH' MARINE
Another Promotion For Ex-Drill Instructor

Cherry Point, May 7.

Matthew McKeon, who is a Marine Corps drill instructor, was the central figure in one of the most publicised court martials in American military history, has been promoted to Corporal.

It was the second promotion for McKeon since he was reduced in rank and sentenced to three months' imprisonment in connection with the deaths of six recruits at the Parris Island, South Carolina, recruit depot in April, 1956.

The six recruits were drowned when McKeon led them into a tidal creek on a night march to "teach the men discipline."

ACQUITTED

In a 21-day trial, McKeon was acquitted of manslaughter charges but was convicted of drinking on duty and negligent homicide. The court ordered him reduced from Staff Sergeant to Private, imprisoned for nine months and dismissed from the Marine Corps with a bad conduct discharge.

Gen. Randolph McC. Pace, Marine Corps Commandant who was called as a witness by civilian defence attorney Emil Zola Berman in New York, reduced the period of imprisonment to three months and

struck out the bad conduct discharge.

He specified that McKeon be transferred and never again be permitted to train recruits.

McKeon was transferred to the Marine Corps Air Station here and assigned as an operations clerk for aircraft maintenance in the Second Marine Air Wing.

Up and promoted to Private First Class last year and was named "Marine Of The Month" at the Air Station last autumn.—United Press.

ELECTIONS IN JAPAN

Tokyo, May 7.

The Japanese general election tonight moved into top gear as the registration of candidates was completed. A total of 993 candidates completed their registrations with local returning officers tonight—a postwar low in Japanese general elections.—Reuter.

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The Big Bad Bump

● The sweet smell of success has gone sour in Detroit. There are almost 300,000 workless, the car city's depression has hit hundreds of allied businesses...but the most pathetic sign of the times is this advertising slogan

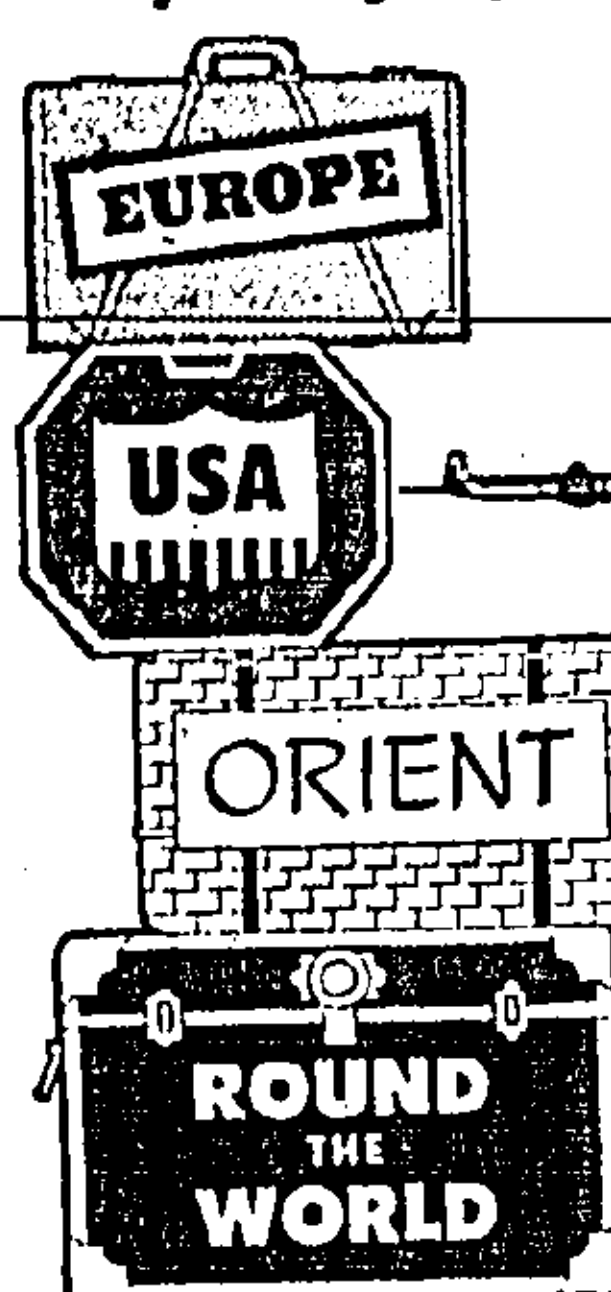
YOU AUTO BUY NOW

THERE is the sour smell of defeat about Detroit, once dynamic, now depressed. I had intended to drive the 680 miles from New York, but the headlights-and-brake-lights on my car packed up, so I flew on from Harrisburg. The breakdown with an expensive new car was a bad omen, the first of many during this visit to Detroit. On the superb turnpikes, highways, and parkways there are scores of restaurants and gasoline stations shut down.

In scores of the tall booths mechanical baskets have replaced the toll-keeper. Simply tow the toll fee—perhaps 25 cents or 10 cents—into the basket, the red light turns to green, and you are on your way.

Usually there is a guard to see that you do not cheat, but economy has hit the vast road systems of the United States. Some tolls have collected so little revenue that it is not worth while to post a man at the gates. The Detroit depression has hit a hundred auto trades and businesses allied to the motor-car. What is Detroit doing to beat the slump? I am sorry to report that the best idea so far has been to launch a "You Auto Buy Now" campaign. "Auto" means "Ought To." You get it. I consider this perhaps the most pathetic symbol of a sad city.

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year the price has gone up. Today there is a buyers' revolt against the price, the size, the fancy work, and the trend is towards smaller cars with simple lines and which are cheap to run.

Detroit's dilemma is that it can do little about its sickness at the present time or for many months. Motor-cars are designed 18 months before they appear in the showrooms, and the 1959 models are even bigger, heavier, and gaudier than the much-criticized 1958 jobs.

The Chevrolet for next year, for instance, will be 4in. longer and 4in. wider. Chrysler is in deep trouble. Three years ago it made a lightning comeback with its "revolutionary" design of rear fins and Christmas-tree clusters of rear lamps. Last year it was decided to make few changes and now it has been badly hurt.

DON IDON'S DIARY

Detroit, usually vital and alive, a slumber among cities, today is sick. The confident men of the past few years, Harlow Curtice, the \$750,000-a-year president of General Motors, Henry Ford II, the grandson of the founder of the Ford firm, and the Chrysler Corporation bosses are asking themselves: "Where did we go wrong?" And they are unable to come up with a convincing answer.

The biggest giant of all, General Motors, has moved its sales well below those of the same period in 1957. Ford's Edsel model has been a resounding flop (blame the designer again), but its new expensive Continental III and the Thunderbird are selling well. For the range as a whole, Ford sales have taken a big drop.

By contrast, American Motors, which makes the small economy Rambler, is the one company to increase its sales in the first quarter compared with last year. It is a strange experience to see Detroit newspapers, which live on Detroit's motor-cars, carrying large advertisements for foreign cars—Volkswagen, Volvo, MG, Triumph, Renault, Morris, Austin, Simca.

The leaders
THERE is a truth in Detroit, which has led so long, may have to try to copy and improve on the Europeans to make a living, let alone enjoy the momentary prosperity which guided the city before the depression hit.

Robert McLean, a General Motors stylist, says: "I am absolutely convinced that in the next 20 or 30 years we are going to see more changes in the industry than all there have been up to now."

And Henry Ford II said when I saw him: "You can bet on big changes." Mr. Curtice, the titan of G.M., continues to radiate confidence and is really his own chief designer, responsible for the dazzling and sometimes grotesque models that the public have queued up for in the past.

Incidentally Curtice's office is severe and almost monastic. "Please use restraint," he told the designers of his office. If he had only told the designers of his own cars the same thing...



Logan Gourlay In Hollywood

YES! THE STARS STILL COME OUT AT NIGHT—JUST LOOK WHO WAS THERE

Beverly Hills. COUNT FRANCISCO "BABY" PIGNATARI surveyed the red-and-white balloons which hung festively round the walls of the dining patio in the Hollywood home of Zsa Zsa Gabor.

With a determined air Baby approached the cluster of balloons next to the table where I sat talking to Miss Gabor.

He touched one of the white balloons with the lighted end of his cigarette (which was king-sized, of course). The balloon burst with a loud pop. Baby grinned delightedly and burst a red balloon.

Miss Gabor, who was giving a party in Baby's honor, clasped supplicating hands over the bodice of her flaming red evening gown and said: "Please, Baby, do not burst the beautiful balloons after I take the trouble to put them up so you will have a lovely party."

Baby burst another white balloon. Hostess Zsa Zsa clasped her hands, held up a childing finger and said in mock maternal tones: "Now, Baby, you must stop. It is naughty. You'll scare all the other guests."

Baby smiled one of his winning smiles and said: "Okay, I'll stop. I was just trying to have a little fun."

Balloon-bursting was, of course, a mild diversion for Baby, who is a monumental funster. As a South American millionaire he can afford to be.

It was Baby who recently hired pickets to parade in front of Linda Christian's hotel in Rio with banners saying: "Go Home Linda."

She had gone there expecting to marry him after scurrying half way round the world with him.

The wake

I'm afraid Hollywood is not what it was. It was always a lighted city, now it covers before the struggling TV antennae.

Only a few of the big studios are still turning out movies regularly. The others have closed down or are gasping for life-like hooked sharks.

Leading citizens confide reluctantly and incredulously that Hollywood may no longer be the movie capital of the world.

But Hollywood, at the world of command from the right hostess, can still parade its international stars in formal theory and delightfully enjoy itself at what is always called the Party of the Year.

Among those on parade for Zsa Zsa were Robert Mitchum and wife, Robert Taylor and wife, James Stewart and wife, Kim Novak and escort, Ginger Rogers and ex-husband Jacques Bergerac, and Lady Peel (Beatrice Little).

With Hungarian pliancy hostess Zsa Zsa was also parading her ex-husband George

Sanders, her ex-boy friend Rabirosa with his new French wife, and, of course, Baby, who might be described as a new boy friend.

Another of her ex-husbands, Conrad Hilton, the hotel magnate, was not there, but his hotel had done the lavish catering, and he had sent his son Nicky, ex-husband of Elizabeth Taylor, as emissary.

Dream beds

Kim Novak took up her position in the bar lounge next to the long table which was loaded with bottles of champagne, whiskey, vodka, and every alcoholic beverage—but not Hungarian Tokay.

She leaned against the red wall holding the hand of her escort, a good-looking young man with a moustache. He is the son of South American General Trujillo.

She refused a drink which I thought she might have needed. Her appearance was a little due to her entirely white make-up, which was certainly accentuated by her purplish dress.

But she spoke and told me about her new 125,000-dollar (about \$44,000) dream home in Hollywood. It has two outdoor "bedrooms" in the garden where Miss Novak can sleep on hot Californian nights. One room is screened by foliage and has been rigged up over a babbling brook.

The other is under a tree near the swimming-pool and it has bookshelves, reading lights, an intercom telephone, and a built-in bar.

Said Miss Novak: "Of course, I also have an indoor bedroom with white fur carpets and white silk draperies. Yes, the built-in bar is quite something, too. It's in white and gold with a marble top."

I left her to dream of her dream home.

She had just finished making the film version of "Bell, Book and Candle" with James Stewart, who looked no different after the experience but, then, he always looks the same. Always shy, almost apologetic, for the fact that he is one of Hollywood's apparently indestructible stars.

In the Stewart drawl, he said: "I'm not worried about the state of the industry. There will always be a demand for good movies. I don't always make good ones, but I keep busy. I jog along."

He jog along at the rate of 125,000 dollars a film plus a percentage of the box-office takings.

I bumped into Mrs. Robert Mitchum, who led me to her husband. He was leaning against the wall of the bar lounge against an oil painting of French cancan dancers. The Mitchum head was being kicked joyfully by one of the dancers. He was watching the other guests with that sleepy-eyed, belligerent look of his.

I have found out previously that there are at least two

amicable traditions of Hollywood divorces they are still good friends.

She told me: "I certainly intend to marry again after my divorce is final. I don't intend to live like a nun. But I don't know when I will marry and whom."

Hostess Zsa Zsa called up, followed by George Sanders and Rubirosa. She pointed to the low-cut bodice of her evening gown and said: "Look what these silly boys have done. They pour champagne over me. Still, it's fun having them here together."

Mr. Sanders and Rubirosa went into a corner to talk about motor cars, which is another of the things they have in common.

It was about this time that Baby started to burst balloons. I found Jolie Gabor, celebrated mother of the celebrated Gabor sisters, watching the dancing couples in the lounge.

She talked about money. "I don't really care about it. I just like to spend it. But somehow when it goes out of the door it always comes back through the window."

Friends

Ginger Rogers, who had come alone, looked surprised when she found herself at the same dinner table as Jacques Bergerac who had brought a blonde starlet.

He looked surprised too. But they nodded and smiled across the table at each other. In the

I said he was Peter Glenville, who made a very comfortable living as a talented director, that he had broken his arm in a car accident, and that he was decidedly a bachelor.

Mother Gabor said: "I must talk to him."

An agent with a fruit knife was demonstrating to a producer exactly how he thought Lana Turner's boy friend, Johnny Tompanato, had been stabbed.

David O. Reizenick, who had arrived late without his actress wife Jennifer Jones, was saying that Claire Boothe Luce was ageing gracefully and skillfully like an actress on the stage.

Lady Peel was leaning against another picture of cancan dancers in the hall.

She said to me: "They wanted me to do Auntie Mame in England. I must come back soon. But they are so slow about arranging things and doing things. Would you do something for me?"

I said I would be more than willing.

"Help me to take these damned shoes off."

She leaned on my shoulder while I took off her golden slippers.

She said: "One can't walk steadily with these damn heels."

She left carrying her slippers and walking steadily.

The end

By 2.30 a.m. the party was breaking up. It was generally agreed that Zsa Zsa had excelled herself as a hostess and "given one of the parties of the year."

Someone said: "It was like a wonderful wake for the death of Hollywood, the movie capital."

I didn't agree. After all, no one bursts balloons at a wake. And no one had passed away. No one had been absolutely lifeless. Not even Miss Novak.

THE SMASH-HIT DIPLOMAT Off home in triumph...

from SYDNEY SMITH: Paris

PARIS, in fact Western Europe, is soon to lose the most remarkable Russian diplomat to have come through the Iron Curtain since the war—Sergei Alexandrovitch Vinogradov is going back to Moscow to "reap the harvest of glory."

These were his own words when he came to Paris nearly five years ago.

He told a French friend of mine: "The first year we got to know the embassy and a bit of the language; the second year we got to know the people; the third year we got down to work—and the fourth year we reap the harvest of glory and go back to Moscow."

But Sergei Alexandrovitch, addressed by his French friends as "Vino," has had such a harvest to reap that he is now eight months overdue for Moscow.

Amiable

LAST year when he began saying fairly frequently at parties: "Moscow would like to see France stay in Bizerta" (a long pause) "rather than the Americans getting in," he let it be known to French Foreign Office friends that he was a very good shot and available for shooting party invitations.

He accepted with delight. He quickly learned that no one wanted his political after-dinner discourses and he became good fun—amiable and jolly—and so, so broadminded.

He was much invited and by the kind of French who were only too ripe for his warnings about "American imperialism."

One titled and distinguished French host who said to him: "Of course if the Russians ever invade France I shall be the first to be hanged" Vino answered with hasty charm: "Of course not, I shall come and save you." Replied the host, drily: "You will already have been hanged for being my guest," and he says now: "Vino laughed like hell."

Popular

LAST season he was a popular gun at all the best shoots and he never set out for an afternoon's shooting with fewer than 500 cartridges and two guns. He rarely finished without borrowing scores of cartridges from someone else.

His "intimate" evening parties at his Paris Embassy—with a mild little programme of Russian music and songs—

not more than 50 people there—are highly sought after.

In keeping with the Kremlin line that de Gaulle is still the man who can be Russia's best friend in France, Vino called on him a few months ago.

He says that it was one of a regular series of visits he has made to de Gaulle ever since he came to France.

Anyway this was another one that passed unnoticed.

After the politically-disastrous Sakiet bombing in Tunisia by the French, some de Gaulle friends looked nervously about this last visit and said that it had taken place after Sakiet.

The implication was that the Russians considered de Gaulle as important in any crisis as the current French Government itself. This was Vino's line too.

But a few days later he delivered a verbal Note to Foreign Minister Pineau.

In it, on instructions from Moscow, he warned that such actions as Sakiet would compel the Kremlin to review its policy of supporting "a peaceful negotiated Algerian solution by which France could remain in North Africa."

Thrown out

FOREIGN MINISTER PINEAU, seeing the loss of Soviet as well as American support in UNO, hurried off to see Prime Minister Gaillard.

The next day France expected the Anglo-American good offices commission. The Communists and the Rightists in the French Parliament later threw out the Gaillard Government because they considered those "good offices" to be an American manoeuvre.

Said one friend, "you could almost hear Vino purring."

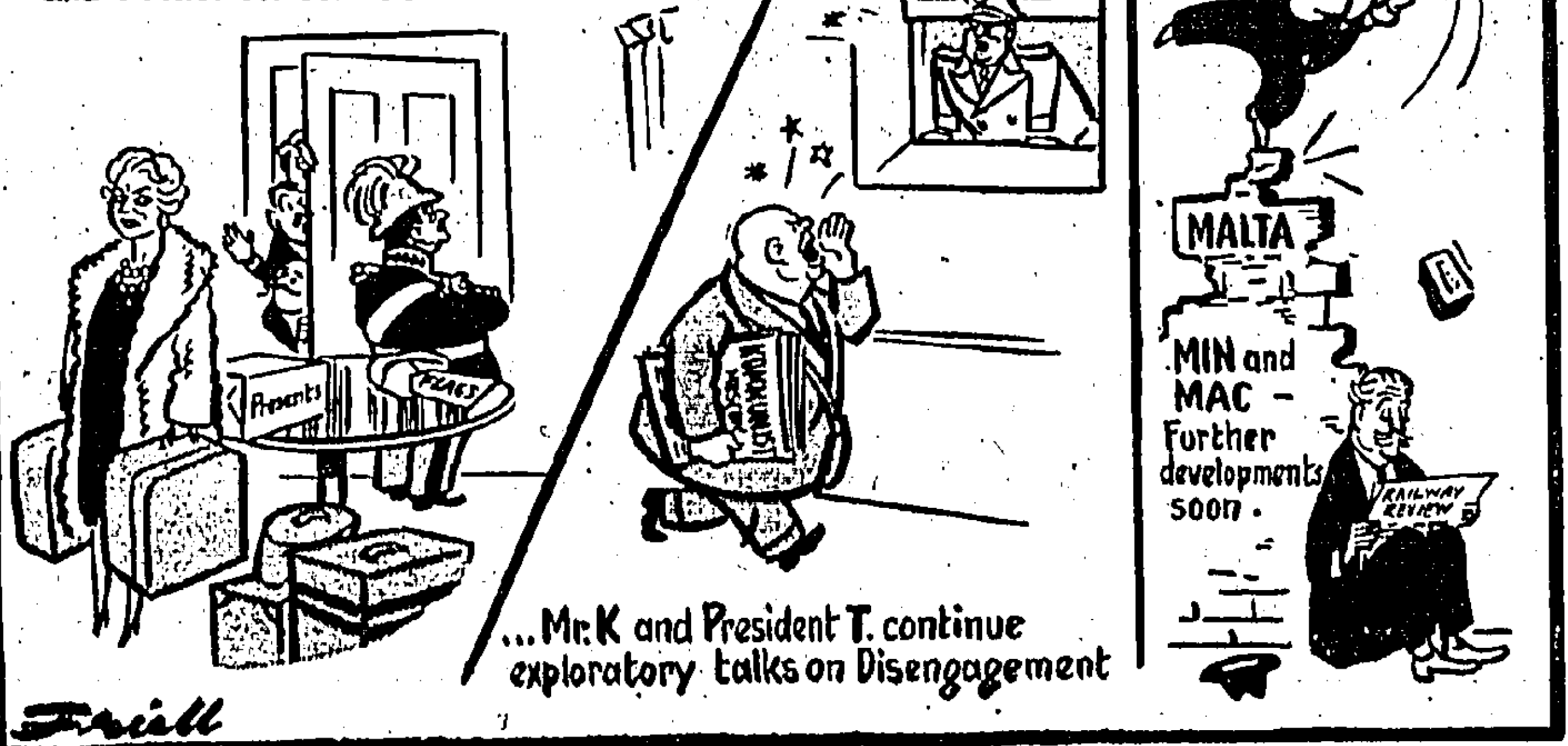
It is said to have to admit it, but this burly, jovial little man with the gold-rimmed glasses in his perpetual smile has done a job for the Kremlin which well entitles him to his diplomatic "harvest home."

And, say the Western diplomats wryly, the sooner he goes home to enjoy his victory the better.

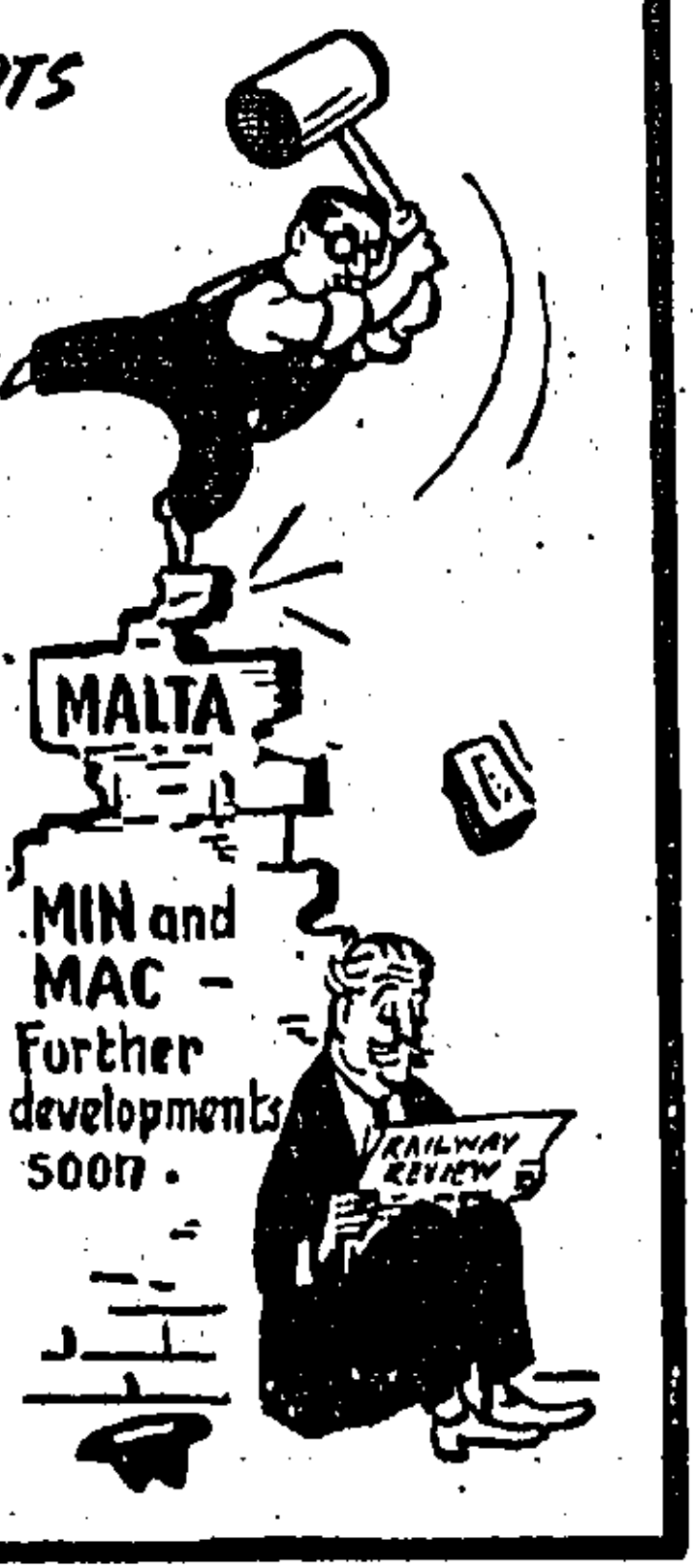
So long as he stays on he is a nuisance.

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Riviera hotelkeepers call for Lady D. and Prince R. to discuss Peace Terms...



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London Express Review

Brown Retains Title

Houston, Texas, May 7. Old Joe Brown flogged Young Ralph Brown in the eighth round tonight in a technical knockout at 2:21 and retain his world lightweight title. —United Press.

Sports Diary

TODAY
Boxing: Tournament: HKPSA v. CUB/TAOC, Southern Player and, 8 p.m.

Boxing
1st Division: LHC v. HCC, 8 p.m.
2nd Division: LHC v. HCC, 8 p.m.
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10th Division: LHC v. HCC, 8 p.m.

TOMORROW
Boxing: F.A. Meeting, Sport, 8 p.m.

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Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Bay (Tel. 72811).
The 6th Floor is restricted to Members and Ladies wearing Lady's Brooches.
NO CHILDREN will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting. For this purpose a Child is a person under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard.

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The price of admission will be \$3.00 each payable at the Gate. Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.
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Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 9th May, 1958, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.
Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.
The reservation of any particular number does not confer on the registered holder any right whatsoever unless the ticket bearing the appropriate number is issued to and can be produced by the holder.
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Friday, 9th May (Queen's Building) 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.
(5 D'Aguiar St.) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
382, Nathan Road, Kowloon:—
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Monday, 5th to Friday, 9th May .. 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

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Bookmakers, Tip Men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Australian Offer For Patterson

New York, May 7. An Australian Syndicate today offered world heavyweight champion Floyd Patterson a \$200,000 guarantee to defend his title at Sydney, on a date to be selected by the champion, against Australian heavyweight champion Allen Williams.
Charles Rose, veteran independent promoter, announced that he had received authorization to represent Williams in the negotiations but had not been able immediately to contact Cus D'Amato, Patterson's manager.
"If Patterson is unwilling to go to Australia, Williams is ready to come here," Rose asserted.
Williams, who turned professional in 1950, won the Australian title in 1955. He has had 39 bouts, winning 33 and scoring 20 knockouts. His record includes three draws and three defeats, two of those by knockouts. —United Press.

Peter May Completes 20,000 Runs

London, May 7. Peter May, Surrey and England Captain, completed 20,000 runs in first-class cricket when he reached 26 for the County against the New Zealanders at the Oval here today.
At the start of the season, he needed 144 and in his first two innings he scored 55 against Cambridge University and 63 against the M.C.C.
May has reached the 20,000 mark in the shortest time of ten full seasons. He began his first-class career in 1948, when he played only two innings and scored five runs. He has since had 62 centuries, and four times he has topped 3,000 runs in a season. —Reuter.

PAKISTAN OUT FOR HARVEST OF HONOURS

Lahore, West Pakistan, May 7. Pakistan's representatives in the Asian Games, beginning in Tokyo on May 24, were among the best in Asia and were sure to return with a "rich harvest" of honours, Mr. Nasim Hassan, Chairman of the Pakistan Olympic Association, said here today.
He was commenting on the prospects of the Pakistan contingent for the Games, whose names were officially released last night after the first batch of competitors and officials were already on their way to Karachi to pick up a plane for Tokyo.
This party, made up of 31 competitors and six officials, arrived in Karachi today and were due to leave late tonight. Two other batches follow the same route within the next few days. Altogether there are 84 competitors and 18 officials in the Pakistan contingent which is led by the Chief Commissioner of Karachi, Mr. N. M. Khan.

Athletics, with 20 representatives, claims the biggest Pakistan entry for any one sport and the others in the party complete as follows: Hockey 10, Football 10, Wrestling 8, Cycling 5, Boxing 5, Weightlifting 4, Swimming 4, and Rifle Shooting two.
During the second Asian Games held four years ago in Manila, where Pakistan won five gold medals, six silver and two bronze, they were not represented as now, in Hockey, Boxing, Cycling or Rifle Shooting.

"Our best hopes lie in athletics," said Mr. Nasim although he recognised there would be strong opposition from the Japanese.
He expected Pakistan to win about seven gold medals in the athletics events. —Reuter.

Test Match Broadcasts

London, May 7. A five-year agreement for the sound broadcasting of first-class cricket in England has been made between the British Broadcasting Corporation and the MCC, ruling body of cricket. The BBC announced today.

The agreement makes provision for the sound broadcasting of the forthcoming Test match series between England and New Zealand, England and India (1959), Scotland (1960), Australia (1961) and Pakistan (1962).

This year the BBC will broadcast a ball by ball commentary during all five Test matches on 404 metres (91.3 megacycles). —China Mail Special.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 14th (Whitsun) Race Meeting 1957/58 to be held on Saturday 24th and Monday 26th May, 1958, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House, the Club House, Happy Valley, and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday, 18th May, 1958.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

FOLLOW-ON LIKELY FOR NEW ZEALAND

Kurt Nielsen Beaten In Major Upset

Rome, May 7. Pancho Contreras, second-ranked Mexican player, today brought off the first major upset of the Italian lawn tennis championships by toppling fifth-seeded Kurt Nielsen of Denmark, twice a finalist at Wimbledon.

Unseeded Contreras beat Nielsen 6-3, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 in the second round. The Dane, who did not seem fully fit, never managed to control his drives properly, and they constantly strayed outside the baseline.
The American-Swedish pair, Butler and Rubin, were knocked out of the first round of the women's doubles.
They lost their places by a walk-over to the Italian pair, Belloni and Pericoli.
Other results in this round were: Bueno (Brazil) and Arnold (United States) beat Boltrani and Rold (Italy) 6-0, 6-0; Lazzarini and Migliori (Italy) beat Ibarra (Chile) and Corri (Italy) 6-2, 6-1.

SECOND ROUND

Women's Doubles

Caar and Forbes (South Africa) beat Lelli and Lepore (Italy) 6-0, 6-1; Schuurman and Reinolds (South Africa) beat Heiller (Australia) and Beal (South Africa) 6-0, 6-2; Reyes and Ramirez (Mexico) beat Ramonino and Bassi (Italy) 6-2, 6-2; Long and Hawthorn (Australia) beat Hay and Bromwell (United States) 6-0, 6-0.
Results of the eliminating round for the men's singles quarter finals were:
Lundquist (Sweden) beat Argon (Uruguay) 6-0, 6-2, 6-4; Woodcock (Australia) beat Vachon (U.S.) 6-1, 6-1, 6-1; Rose (Australia) beat Aguirre (Chile) 6-1, 6-3, 6-1; Ayala (Cuba) beat Fachini (Italy) 6-3, 6-3; Knight (Britain) beat Grinda (France) 6-4, 6-1, 6-2.
Men's singles results were: Contreras (Mexico) beat Nielsen (Denmark) 6-3, 6-2, 2-6, 6-4; Sirola (Italy) beat Grant (U.S.) 6-8, 6-9, 6-1, 6-4; Patti (U.S.) beat Lemonnier (Italy) by a walk-over; Gorrido (Cuba) beat Piro (Italy) 3-6, 7-9, 6-4, 6-1, 6-4; Merlo (Italy) beat Segal (South Africa) 6-4, 9-7, 6-1; Pietrangeli (Italy) beat Vance (stateless) 2-6, 6-2, 5-7, 6-2, 6-3.

Men's Doubles

All (India) and Argon (France) beat Davidson and Luquet (Sweden) 6-6, 6-3, 6-4, 6-7, 11-9; Jacobino and Piro (Italy) beat Achondo and Rodriguez (Chile) 7-5, 2-6, 6-1, 6-1; Darnon and Grinda (France) beat Corbi and Claret (Italy) 6-4, 6-3, 6-1; Krishnan and Kumar (India) beat Gianna and Antinori (Italy) 6-3, 6-2, 6-0; Maygi-Pachin (Italy) beat Leslie and Apsey (U.S.) by a walk-over; Ayala (Chile) and Candy (Australia) beat Okrand and Kearney (Australia) 6-2, 6-4, 6-4.
Women's doubles eliminating round for eighth finalists were:
Coughlan and Muller (Australia) beat Lazzarini and Migliori (Italy) 6-1, 6-1; Bueno (Brazil) and Arnold (U.S.) beat Belloni and Pericoli (Italy) 4-6, 6-2, 6-2.

Chester Cup Race Upset

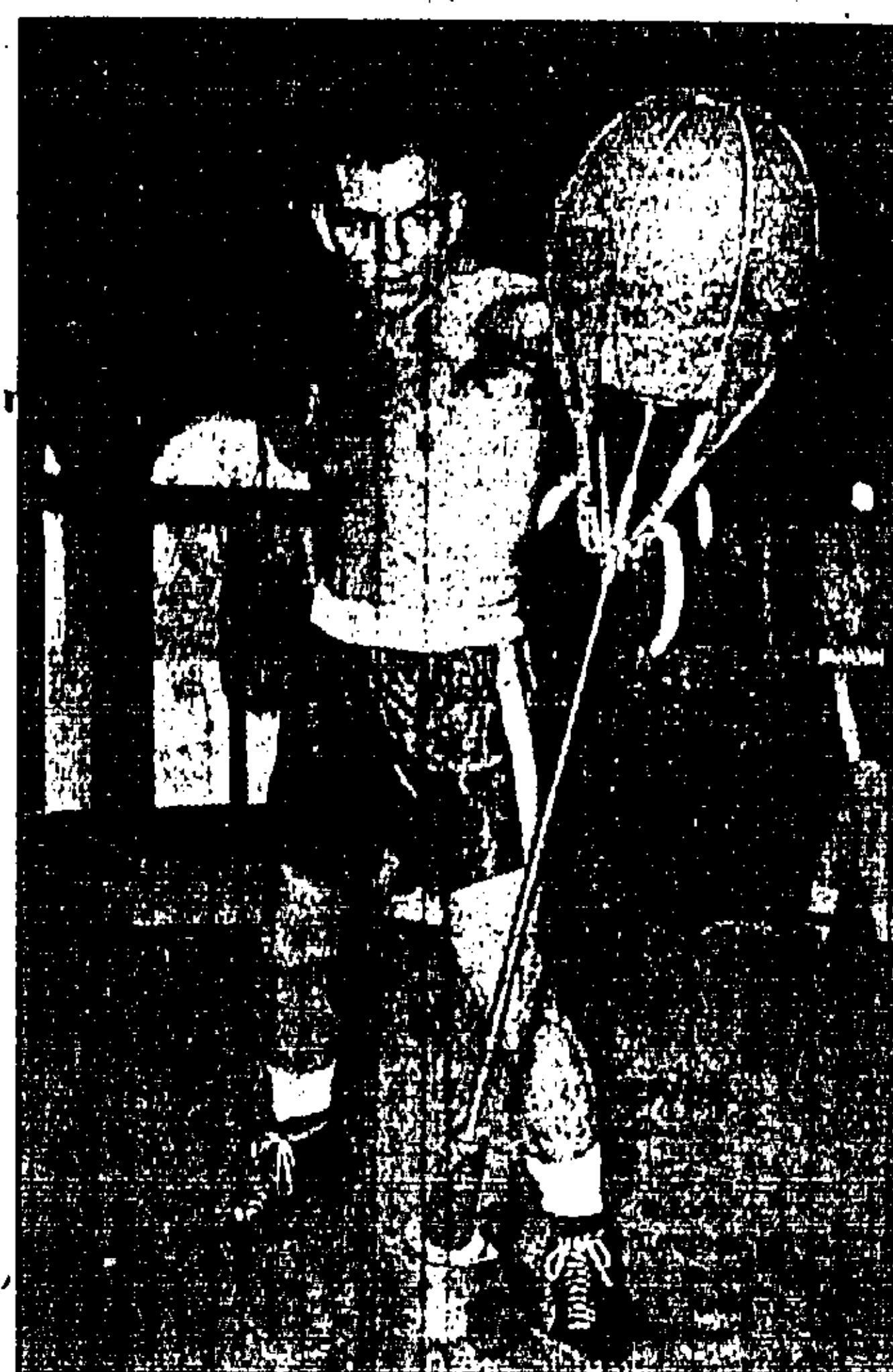
London, May 7. "Sandilace" owned by Mr. Cowley and ridden by Lester Plicks, beat the favourite "Induna" today to win the Chester Cup, run over two miles, 2 furlongs, 77 yards here.

"Sandilace", at 15 to 2, beat by a head the 6 to 1 favourite "Induna", owned by Mrs. MacDonald - Buchanan, and ridden by J. Purcell.

Thipai was "Compromise", owned by Sir Malcolm McAlpine, ridden by P. Tait, which paid 15 to 2.

"Sandilace" took £2,556 in prize money for his owner. Its time for the distance was 4 minutes, 6.6 seconds. —France-Press.

Seeks World Title



Mike Holl, the 26-year-old light-heavyweight boxer from Pretoria, South Africa, champion and rated fifth in the world, seen in training at Blackheath for his 10-round fight with Yolande Pompey of Trinidad at White City on June 3. Promoter Jack Salmons is asking the Board of Control to recognise this contest as a world title eliminator. If the fight is good enough he will put the winner against Sugar Ray Robinson in London in September. —Central Press Photo.

FLYING FRIENDSHIP MAY MAKE DERBY HISTORY

By PETER SCOTT

A new page in the history of international racing could be written on Derby Day, Wednesday, June 4. At present there is a good chance that the Norwegian-owned and trained Flying Friendship will be flown from Oslo for the Epsom classic. This appropriately-named colt would be the first to come here from Scandinavia for a race.

Presence of the dark brown Flying Friendship in the Derby parade would fulfil a long-standing ambition for his owner, wealthy Oslo shipping and airlines magnate Mr. Ludvig G. Braathen.

Mr. Braathen, 65, harbours the dream of his white and burgundy striped jacket being carried in the world's greatest race.

"The colt's two-year-old career proved him a good one by Scandinavian standards," said Mr. Braathen. "I realise, though, that our horses are usually well behind the English and French, so I am testing Flying Friendship in two big races this spring."

"The first is at Malmo, in Sweden, where he is now training in slightly warmer weather than we have in Oslo. After that he returns to Norway and runs at Overvoll on May 15. If he satisfies me on those races I shall bring him to Epsom."

Two years ago Mr. Braathen's colt Viscount became the first Norwegian-trained horse to win a series outside his own country when Joe Mercer rode him to victory in the Swedish Derby.

Fastest Horses

That success further whetted Mr. Braathen's appetite for international competition, but he has made no arrangements about engaging a jockey for Epsom.

Darbhanga, sire of Flying Friendship, has produced some

World Archery Championships

Brussels, May 7. The 19th World Archery Championships will be held in the Heysel Stadium here from July 10 to 24 with 14 countries definitely down to take part.

Countries definitely taking part are: Denmark, Sweden, Norway, Finland, Britain, the Netherlands, France, Switzerland, Germany, Luxembourg, Czechoslovakia, Spain, Poland and South Africa.

The United States and the Soviet Union are expected to take part although they have not yet replied to invitations from the organisers, the Belgian Royal Archery Federation. —France-Press.

247 Runs Behind Surrey With Five Wickets To Go

London, May 7. New Zealand lost half their side for 41 runs here today when replying to a first innings of 288 by Surrey the Champion County for whom England's Captain Peter May hit 165 in his first look at the New Zealand bowling. After May's magnificent innings — his first century of the season and the 64th of his career — fast medium bowler Peter Loader sent New Zealand wickets tumbling in the last 85 minutes.

He finished with four for 17 after dismissing Laurie Miller, Bill Playle and beat Sutcliffe for three runs in 16 deliveries. After scoring 28 this morning, May completed his 20,000 runs in first class cricket and reached his century out of 139 in two and a quarter hours. Altogether he batted three hours 45 minutes and hit 21 fours.
Wickets tumbled regularly to constant bowling changes but May could not be subdued. His confidence was emphasised by the manner in which he went from 91 to his century with two fours and a two off successive balls from Alex Mair. May treated all bowling alike and reached 152 out of 207 in three hours with 20 fours.

Mediocre

The rest of the Surrey batting barely rose above mediocre on a fairly lively pitch. The next top scorer to May was Mike Stewart the opener with 25. Stewart and his partner, Tom Clark, who made one, were out for 23 in the first half hour. But May soon found his touch and propped up the innings until being eighth out 10 minutes after the tea resumption.

The New Zealand side fielded well but the innings of John Reid the captain split the little finger of his right hand and went to hospital to have the wound stitched.

Loader made the most of the New Zealand batting. The new John Reid dismissed opening batsman Trevor Meale for two.

At the close New Zealand were 247 behind and still needed 89 to save the follow-on. —Reuter.

County Matches

Batsmen generally had a sorry time of it today's first class cricket programme and it was a fielder who took the day's main honours.

South African Stuart Leary won in the winter leads Charlton Athletics forward line at soccer held six catches in succession while playing for Kent against Cambridge University at Cambridge.

Four of the catches were taken at short leg and one each at coverpoint and first slip. In the first county match of the season at Lords Middlesex declared at 253 for eight and then captured six Nottinghamshire wickets for 34 runs. Fast bowler Alan Moss who took seven for 28 earlier in the week at Lords for M.C.C. against Surrey, claimed four for 18 in six overs.

During the tea interval, the Duke of Norfolk, President of the M.C.C. formally opened the new Warner Stand at Lords named after Sir Pelham Warner 84-year-old grand old man of English cricket.

Another bowler to excel was Yorkshire's fast medium attacker David Picken who took five for 18 at Oxford. The University were all out for 75 only two players reaching double figures. Yorkshire did not find run-getting easy either and finished 49 for four.

One batsman who did succeed today was Gloucestershire England stylist Tom Graveney who hit 146 of his county's 235 for four against Essex and was undefeated.

Close of play scores in today's cricket matches were: At the Oval: Surrey 288 (P. May 165), New Zealand 41 for five.
At Oxford: Oxford University 76 (D. Picken five for 19), Yorkshire 49 for four.
At Lords: Middlesex 253 for

THE SCORES

County	Score	County	Score
A. P. Persley	1	L. Rosario	1
G. A. Foran	1	F. G. Lutz	1
F. G. Lutz	1	C. E. Farooq	1
C. E. Farooq	1	A. A. Razzouk	1
A. A. Razzouk	1	M. A. Ghorio	1
M. A. Ghorio	1	E. A. Alamin	1
E. A. Alamin	1	F. X. Noronha	1
F. X. Noronha	1	A. F. Razzouk	1
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EARNED IN AN HOUR

GAS IS TOPS

SAYS MR. THERM

World Record Attempts In HK

AUSTRALIAN SWIMMERS TO TRY IN FOUR EVENTS AT VICTORIA PARK POOL

By ARGONAUT

History may be made at the Colony's Victoria Park Swimming Pool on Tuesday, August 26 and Wednesday, August 27.

At an Executive Committee Meeting of the Hong-kong Amateur Swimming Association held yesterday in the South China Morning Post Boardroom with Mr A. de O. Sales in the chair, it was announced that the visiting Australian swimmers will include in their two-day exhibition programme attempts to break existing world records in the 100 metres freestyle, 100 metres butterfly stroke, 400 metres freestyle and 100 metres back stroke events.

The Australian visiting team will consist of Australia's best men swimmers who will stop at Hongkong on their return from the Empire and Commonwealth Games at Cardiff. Her July swimmers are scheduled for a different tour. The men swimmers who will be seen in action here are John Konrad, John Dewett, Garry Chapman, Garry Shilton, Garry Wilson, John Monckton, John Hayes, Brian Wilkinson and Terry Gathercole.

The following is the full programme for the two-day exhibition swimming:—

AUGUST 26

Exhibition events:—(Australia and Hongkong swimmers): 400 metres crawl stroke; 200 metres breast stroke; 100 metres butterfly stroke; 100 metres backstroke.

Competition events:—(Hongkong v. Australia): 400 metres freestyle relay; 100 metres backstroke; 100 metres freestyle.

Diving exhibition:—Variety style (by Hongkong champions and ex-champions). Attempts at breaking world records: 100 metres freestyle (Australia and Hongkong); 100 metres butterfly stroke (Australia and Hongkong).

AUGUST 27

Exhibition events:—(Australia and Hongkong): 400 metres freestyle; 100 metres breaststroke; 200 metres butterfly stroke; 100 metres backstroke; 100 metres freestyle.

Competition events:—(Hongkong v. Australia): 400 metres freestyle relay; 100 metres butterfly stroke relay. Diving exhibition:—Variety style (by Hongkong champions). Attempts at breaking world records: 400 metres freestyle; 100 metres backstroke.

Asian Games

Finalised at yesterday's meeting were also Hongkong's participation in the Asian Games, at swimming and the Annual Colony Open Championships.

Hongkong will be represented in this event by two officials, a water-polo team of nine players, and two swimmers. Except for the two swimmers who will leave for Japan on May 24, the whole team will depart on May 23.

The full Colony swimming contingent comprises of:—Team leader—Mr Ng Chi-man; Manager and coach of water-polo team—Mr Chan Kam-fai; Water-polo team—Pang Chiu-chung (South China), Choy

SWITZERLAND LOSE TO SWEDEN

Helsingborg, May 7. Sweden beat Switzerland 3-2 (halftime 2-2) in a soccer international here tonight.

A crowd of 20,000 watched the game played in chilly but sunny weather. Inside-left Eschmann gave Switzerland a 1-0 lead after nine minutes but Sweden went ahead 2-1 through goals by outside right Loefgren and centre-forward Simonson.

Eschmann equalised just before the interval.

The decisive goal was scored in the 48th minute by Simonson. —Reuter.

MILITARY BASKETBALL

Paris, May 7. The United States and South Korea are in the final stages of the international military basketball tournament which will be held at Nice from May 25 to June 3.

The United States will be in pool one, playing against Spain, France and Belgium.

Korea will be in Pool Two playing against Iran, the Netherlands and Turkey. The first two in each pool will go forward into the final phase. —France-Press.

READY FOR EMPIRE GAMES



The smart outfits designed for member of England's team for the British Empire and Commonwealth Games, to be held in Cardiff in July. Seen for the first time at a fashion parade in London they are, from left: — the women's walking-out dress, modelled by Sheila O'Hara; the men's parade dress, worn here by Peter Christina, and the women's parade dress, worn by Pagan Grigg. —Reuterphoto.

International Soccer Matches

London, May 7. England beat Portugal by two goals to one (halftime 1-0) in the international soccer match at Wembley Stadium here tonight.

Bobby Charlton (Manchester United) scored for England in each half. Durate got Portugal's goal. —Reuter.

Glasgow, May 7. Scotland and Hungary drew 1-1 (halftime 1-0) in the soccer international played at Hampden Park here tonight.

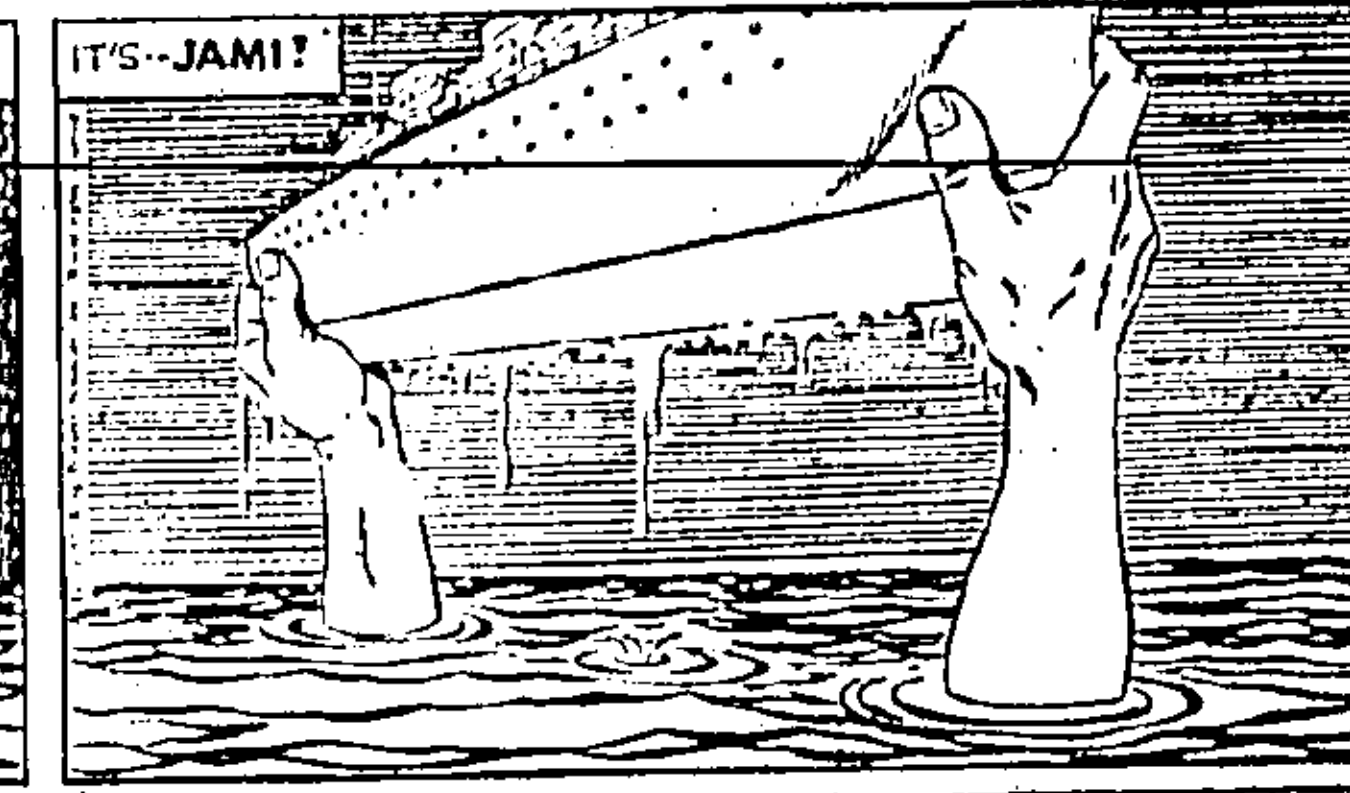
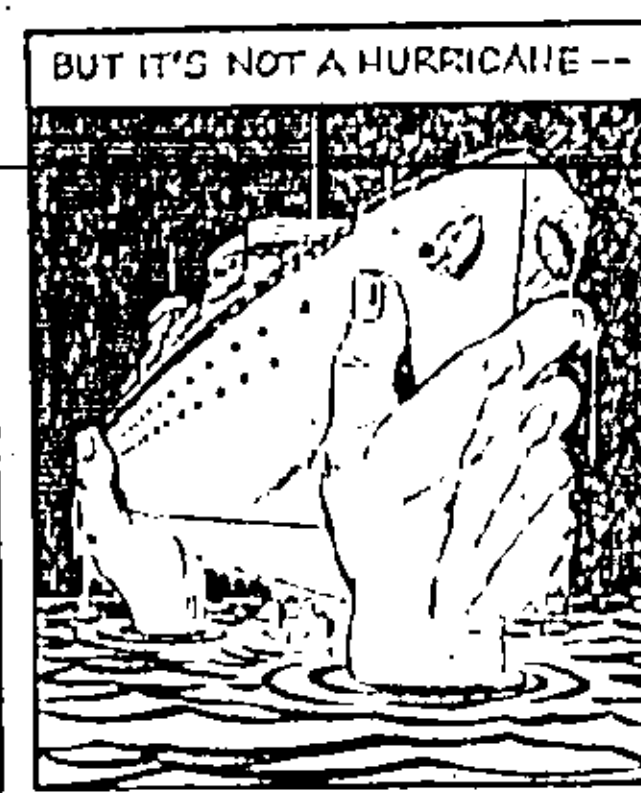
A crowd of 55,000 several times cheered the Hungarians for robust tackling. Casualties were numerous, and Scottish fullback Hewie and inside-left Collins

both had to receive treatment for injuries on the field.

Centre-forward Mudge put Scotland into the lead from a header in the 13th minute, giving goalkeeper Grosics no chance. Imbach and Mudge missed wide open chances soon after. —Reuter.

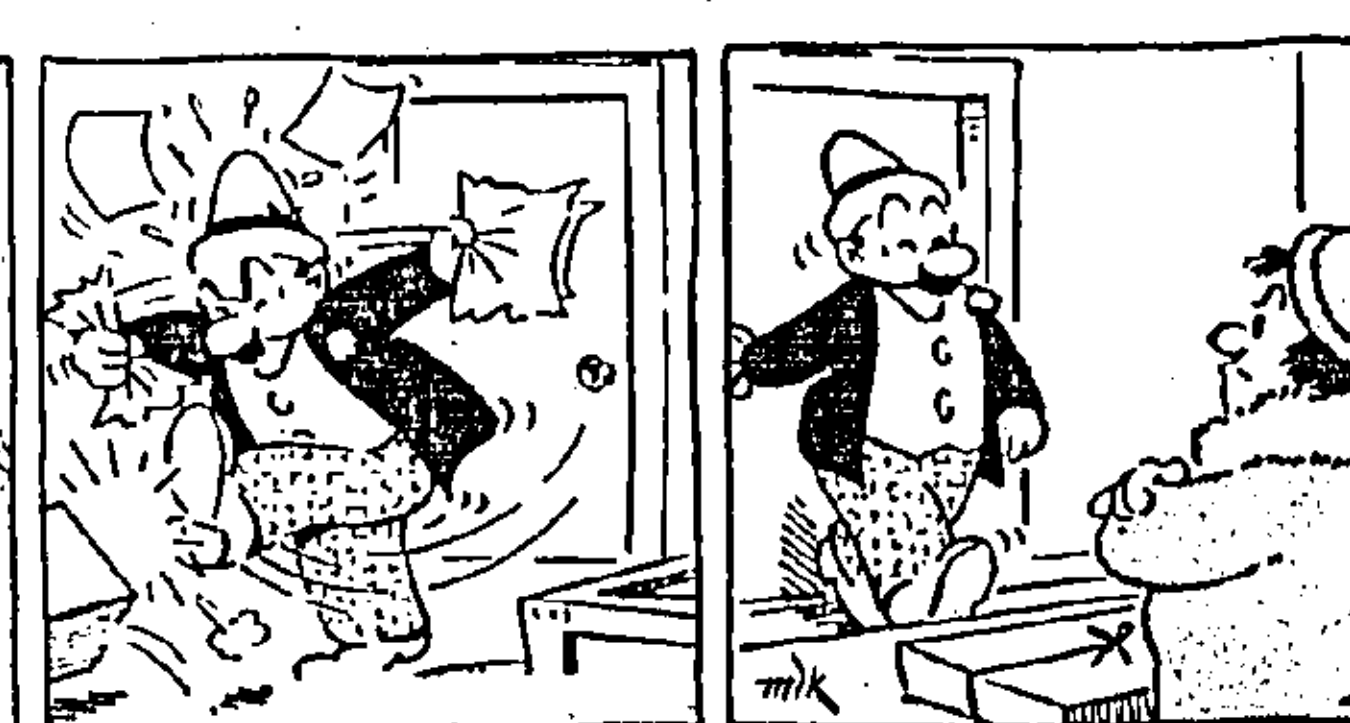
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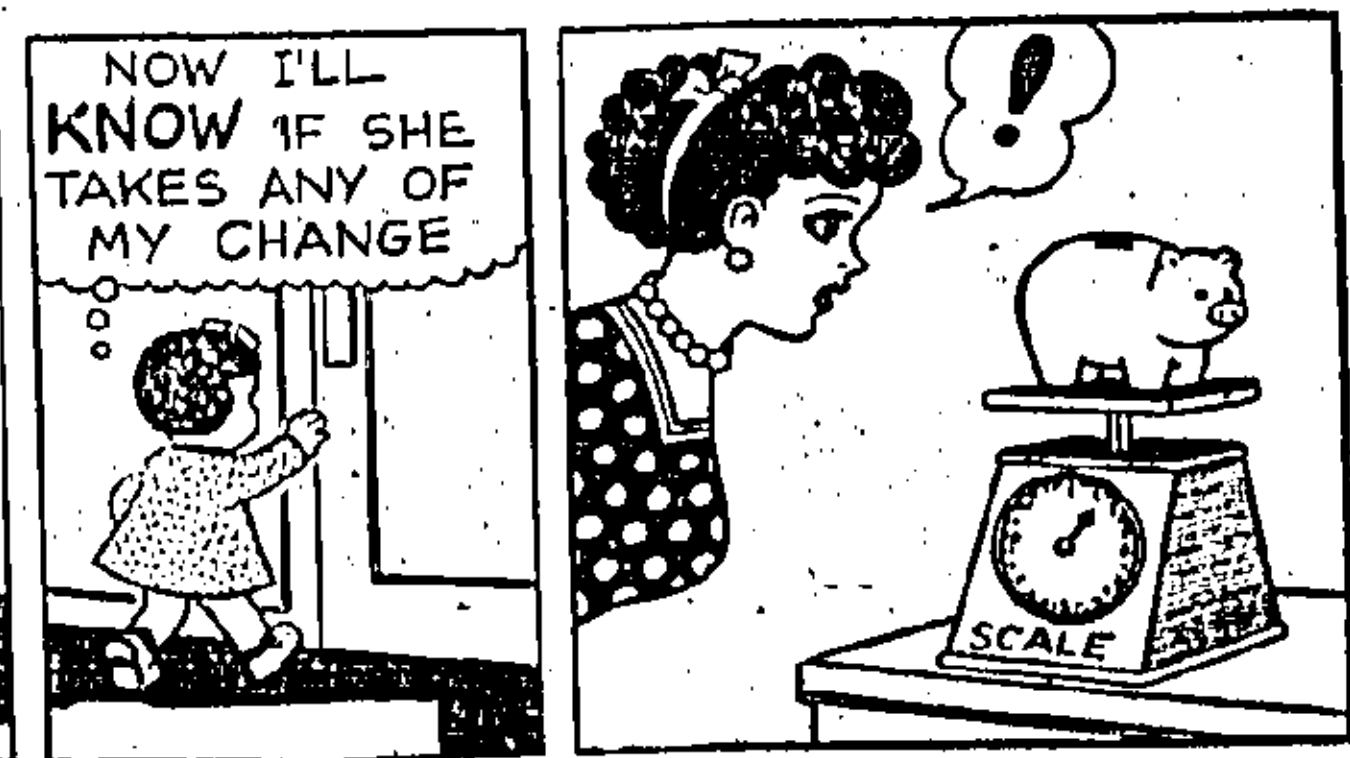
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MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

Curt Simmons' First Victory Over Dodgers In Four Years

New York, May 7.

Southpaw Curt Simmons registered his first victory over the Dodgers in four years today when he pitched the Phillies to a 9-3 triumph with the aid of some robust hitting by Granny Hamner.

Simmons, who had not beaten the Dodgers since August 10, 1954, scattered 11 hits in posting his third win of the season. He yielded all of Los Angeles' runs in the third when Carl Furillo tagged him for a three-run homer.

Hamner got the Phils off to a quick lead against loser Fred Kipp when he singled home two runs in the first inning. Stan Lopala's bases-empty homer tied the score at 3-3 in the sixth and Philadelphia routed Kipp with a three-run burst in the seventh. Hamner's double and Ted Kazanski's two-run single were the key blows in that frame.

The Phils pushed across three more runs in the eighth. Hamner driving in two of the runs with a triple.

Giants Win

Despite four home runs by Pittsburgh, the San Francisco Giants defeated the Pirates, 8-6. Bob Skinner, Ted Kluszewski and Frank Thomas hit consecutive homers in the fifth inning to 4-1, a Major League record, and Kluszewski hit his second homer of the game with one on in the seventh, but it wasn't enough.

Bob Friend, shooting for his fifth straight victory, was knocked out in the fourth inning when the Giants came up with four runs to go ahead, 6-1. Bob Schmidt's three-run homer featured the frame.

The Giants added two more runs in the fifth off Roy Blackburn, who walked in one of the runs with the bases full. Reliever Red Worthington was the winner.

Southpaw Taylor Phillips, a Milwaukee discard, held the Redlegs to five hits in leading the Cubs to a 5-1 victory. Dale Long paced the Cubs' attack with a pair of doubles and a single as Brooks Lawrence was charged with his

The Scores

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second defeat, Rookie John Goryl drove in two of Chicago's runs. Milwaukee was at St. Louis in a night game.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

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French Victory

Toledo, May 7. The Frenchman, Jean Stablinck, today won the eighth lap of the Tour of Spain cycle race over the 206 kilometres distance from Cuenca to Toledo. He covered the distance in 6 hours, 39 minutes.

Other results were:
2. Van Gompel (Belgium) 6 hrs., 39 min., 7 secs.
3. Company (Spain) 6 hrs., 39 min., 15 secs.
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5. Azpuru (Spain), same time. —France-Press.

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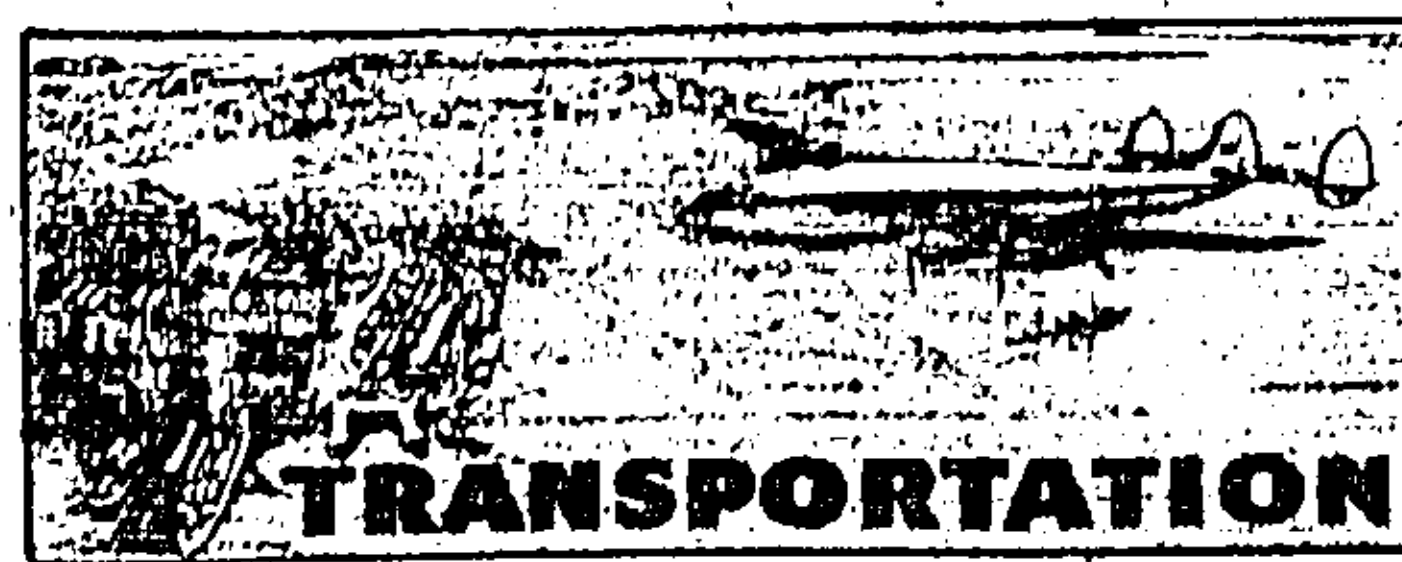
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Hongkong Takes Another Step Into Jet Age

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Thus, before a small selected group of newsmen, guests and personnel connected with the project, Hongkong yesterday advanced another big step into the jet age.

It was the official opening of the Hongkong Aircraft Engineering Company's \$1.5 million test-bed, which will enable the Colony to test and service international airlines' turbo-jet and piston-engine aircraft. The equipment, put up by Hongkong technicians and designed by Britain's foremost aeronautical engineering firms, is the finest of its type in the



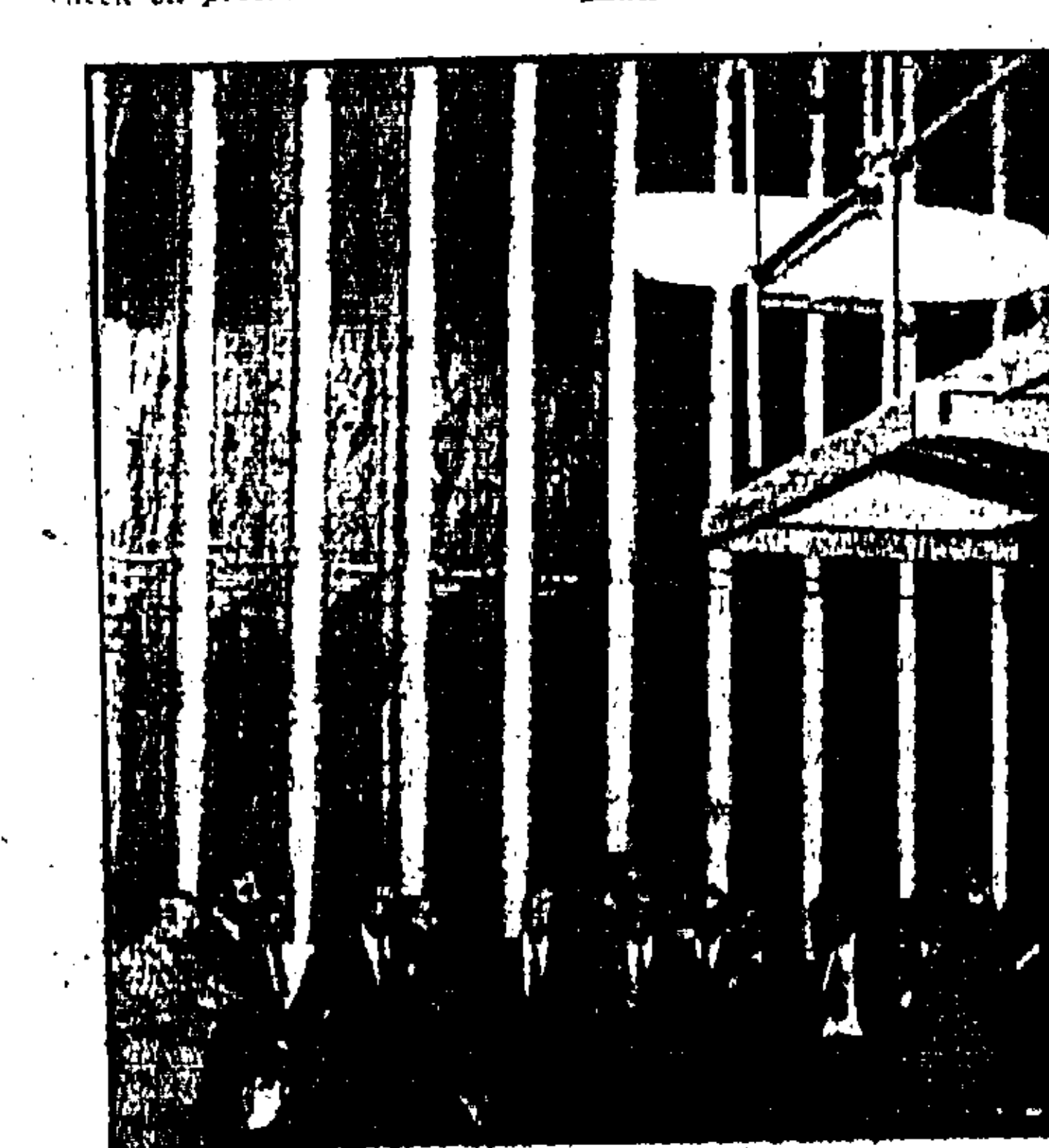
The Chinese Engineer in charge of the equipment, Mr. King Howe.

East and can compare with similar installations anywhere in the world.

It is unique since the test-bed can be adapted to service turbo-jet engines as well as the piston models. Another wing will be added to the building in the near future to take pure jet engines.

A FEAT
"I think," commented Air Commodore T. C. Dickens, HAEC manager, at the "domestic" christening yesterday, "that this engineering feat stands as one of the finest compliments to our technicians here in Hongkong. The Colony is as up to date in the aeronautical field as any other place in the world."
The HAEC project was instigated by the overhauling necessity of Hongkong Airways' Vickers Viscount aircraft, which are fitted with the Rolls Royce Dart engine. But the test cell was built with an eye to the future when other airlines are expected to bring out turbo-jet and pure jet aircraft.

The test cell has a capability of testing engines of powers up to 10,000 horse power. A novel feature of the "bed" is that, by a system of torque reaction, it is able to accurately measure the developed horse power as a check on performance.



Air Commodore T. C. Dickens, HAEC manager, pointing out salient features of the Company's unique \$1.5 million aircraft engine test-bed which was officially opened yesterday. In the background can be seen one of the "walls" which allow air (necessary for the running of turbo-jet and pure jet engines) to flow freely, but effectively soundproofs the roar when an engine is being tested.—Staff Photographer.

The New York Stock Market

New York, May 7.

Stock market gains of the past five sessions were shaded by realising today, dropping prices below the highs for the year set earlier this week.

The dip, a not unexpected move, came after early firmness on volume which had forced reporting tickers to run late briefly. There was little pressure to the selling. Final prices generally were above the day's lows and activity lightened on the downside with the day's turnover running well below yesterday's 3,110,000 shares.

Steel shares, oils, aircrafts, rails, utilities showed mostly fractionally losses with a few drops of a point or so.

There were upside features, also, with US Borax a late highlight on a rise of more than a point on volume. Otis Elevator set a new high on a favourable earnings forecast.

Of a total 1,103 issues traded, 511 were lower, 427 higher. New York Stock Exchange volume was 2,770,000 shares. American Stock Exchange volume was 1,040,000 shares. Dow-Jones closing averages were:

20 Industrials	462.88
20 Railroads	113.06
20 Utilities	77.20
15 Stocks	150.41
10 Bonds	101.13
Comm. future price index	153.80

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MISSILE BASES REPORTED

IN ALBANIA

Also In Other Red Satellites

Washington, May 7.
Diplomatic informants reported now information indicating that Russia may be building missile-launching sites in Albania.

POCKET CARTOON
by OSBERT LANCASTER



GOMULKA TO VISIT HUNGARY

By HENDERSON GALL
Budapest, May 7.
The Polish Communist Party leader Mr. Wladyslaw Gomulka is due to arrive here on Friday at the head of a party and government delegation for weekend talks with Hungarian leaders, well-informed sources said today.

The delegation will arrive here after a short visit to Bulgaria and will leave on Monday for a visit to Rumania before returning home.

So far the Hungarian press has not commented on the visit, Mr. Gomulka's first since the 1955 Hungarian rising. Observers here expect that the Polish leader will receive a warm welcome as friendship between the two countries is traditional. Further more the Hungarian rising followed hard on the heels of Polish unrest which brought Gomulka to power and in turn influenced events in Hungary.

New Altar For St Paul's

London, May 7.
The new high altar of St Paul's Cathedral—a memorial to the Commonwealth and Empire dead of both world wars—was consecrated today in the presence of the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh.

Officers and cadets from 17 Commonwealth countries lined the Cathedral steps as the Queen and the Duke arrived to a flourish of trumpets.

The new marble altar replaces one wrecked by a German bomb in 1940.—Reuter.

Secret Trials

The Hague, May 7.
The International Commission of Justice here announced tonight that a number of Hungarian lawyers were now being tried behind closed doors in Budapest.

The Commission Secretary-General, Norman March, has cabled the Hungarian Premier, Ferenc Munnich, for permission to attend these secret trials as an observer.—United Press.

DISEASED ORPHANS IN US

Creswell, Ore., May 7.
Mrs. Harry Holt confirmed today that diseased Korean orphans are brought into the US for adoption, as charged by a Fort Worth health official. But she said the programme had full Congressional and Government sanction and complete medical safeguards.

Dr. W. B. Bradshaw charged in Texas that the orphans were brought into the United States without medical checks. He said the adopted child of Mr. and Mrs. Otis Hamilton of Fort Worth had died and that it had "some abnormality."

Mrs. Holt said that in order to obtain a passport to this country, the children were subjected to a rigid physical examination in Korea and then underwent further medical examinations by American doctors before they were granted a visa to the U.S.

PHILANTHROPY

The Holts, in a widely recognized act of private philanthropy, have brought nearly 800 Korean mixed-blood orphans to the U.S.

Last year Mr. Holt was honored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews for his work in rescuing the Korean orphans.

An act of Congress permitting tubercular orphans to enter the U.S. was signed by President Eisenhower on September 7, 1957. It admits such children on condition that adopting parents pay for the full cost of treatment in sanatoria or hospitals approved by the Government.

They must be isolated during the plane trip to the US and use separate debarking ramps at ports of arrival.

TREATED

Most of the tubercular children brought to the US by Mr. Holt are being treated at National Jewish Hospital in Denver. The Hamilton child was certified free of tuberculosis at the time of its arrival and Mrs. Holt quoted a letter from Mrs. Hamilton dated April 17 saying that the child had been ill but then appeared to be well. The Hamilton child arrived in Portland on March 27.—United Press.

Spinster Found Not Guilty

St Peter Port, May 7.
A spinster aged 63 was today found not guilty of murdering her 88-year-old mother by reason of her insanity at the time.

Miss Isabella Murdoch had been charged with murdering Mrs. Florence Murdoch at her home in March.

She will be detained indefinitely.

It was laid down by an Act of Parliament in 1890 that a jury must return a verdict of "guilty but insane," but Guernsey adheres to the common law which existed before the Act and authorized a verdict of "not guilty by reason of insanity."—China Mail Special.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Confused Emotions

To The Editor, China Mail.

Sir,—Your issue of Monday, May 5, carried an article, "Why this picture alarms me" by A. J. P. Taylor. Whatever may be Dr. Taylor's attributes as an historian, in the classical sense of the word, the closer he comes to contemporary history, the more his judgment becomes clouded with confused emotions.

Why should a photograph of the Queen receiving the West German Head of State at Windsor alarm Dr. Taylor, I wonder? Does he really think that Dr. Adenauer should be accorded different treatment from any other Head of State visiting Britain, merely because he happens to be a German?

From first to last, the German Chancellor is represented in this article as a rather benign re-incarnation of Hitler. He is accused of standing aside while Hitler perpetrated crime after crime against the peoples of Europe. May one ask exactly how the Mayor of Cologne, as Dr. Adenauer then was, could have acted otherwise in the face of a ruthless and determined Hitler, or make any sort of violent shift of his political opponents? And the suggestion that the German general is engaged in war to further "Hitler's victories" has been disapproved of practically every accepted authority on the subject. Just as many German generals acquiesced in the policies of their Nazi overlords, in the mistaken belief that only by so doing could the dishonour of Germany's defeat in 1918 be reversed, so did many Frenchmen submit to what Dr. Taylor calls "the spiritual poison of Marshal Petain" in the belief that a French leader who remained with albeit shadow powers of Government in a puppet State was preferable to the leadership of a man they knew nothing of who had withdrawn across the Channel with the remnants of a defeated army.

That Dr. Adenauer has been able to supply the leadership in Western Europe, which Dr. Taylor admits, Western Europe needs, is just the measure of the extent to which Britain and France, wartime allies of most of the Western European powers, have failed to do so. In economic as well as political matters, the West German Government is alleged to shape and break the policies of the Nato powers at will. "Humbly, gratefully, we do his bidding," says Dr. Taylor of Britain. When German interests are stimulated speculation against sterling last year, it was, I am sure, in the spirit of deep humility that the British Chancellor of the Exchequer adapted the corrective measures which have restored the pound to the relatively strong position it occupies today.

The most incredible statement of all is this, "A British statesman who dealt with Soviet Russia about British interests instead of obeying Dr. Adenauer could, in my opinion, get a settlement." Does Dr. Taylor seriously suppose that Britain would repudiate all her obligations to her friends and cannot be doubted where Dr. Taylor's sympathies lie in the ideological conflict between East and West, for as he says, he would stand by the Russians against unliking Germany, now, and, by inference, at any time in the future if it suited Moscow. What readers of this article will have been forced to wonder, I am sure, is whether its publication will have helped in any way to facilitate that understanding between East and West which we all so earnestly desire.

Portuguese Army Officer Withdraws Appeal

Lisbon, May 7.
Captain Henrique Galvao, former Portuguese army officer sentenced to 16 years' imprisonment in March for anti-State activities, last night withdrew an appeal to the Supreme Court.

The Counsel said Captain Galvao, sentenced while already serving a three-year sentence passed in 1952, had withdrawn the appeal so as not to harm the interests of two men convicted with him.

Under the three-year prison term expired, 63-year-old Galvao was held in preventive detention to be tried for several offences alleged to have been committed while he was in gaol. These resulted in his sentence being increased to 16 years' imprisonment.

SECRET TRIAL

At the secret trial, Dr. Filipe Mendes, former Civil Governor of Lisbon, was given a suspended sentence of three years' imprisonment.

In view of the appeal, a judge ordered the arrest of Dr. Mendes and set bail for Dr. Abel Neves at 100,000 escudos (about £1,250).

Under Portuguese law, these co-defendants would have had to join Galvao in the appeal.

On April 18, Galvao appealed unsuccessfully against the 16-year sentence to a plenary tribunal.

His original three-year sentence was on charges of plotting the overthrow of the Salazar regime. He faced an additional 13 charges this year, including one that he was a pamphlet inciting rebellion.—Reuter.

Thrifts From Vehicles

London, May 7.
Lillian Myra Giles, 52, accused of murdering her 10-year-old son with an axe after employing sleeping tablets in his tea, was today declared insane and unfit to plead.

She was ordered to be detained in custody "until the Queen's pleasure be known" (indefinitely).—China Mail Special.

A camera valued at \$850 was stolen from a locked private car in Tsan Sha Trail last night. A Chinese man is being detained by the Police.

Earlier in the day the Police arrested a Chinese following the theft of a crate of soft drinks from a lorry parked in Cadogan Street, near Belcher Street.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



STREET SINGER PLEADS NOT GUILTY TO MANSLAUGHTER

A street singer and musician pleaded not guilty at the Criminal Sessions this morning to the manslaughter of another musician, whom he was alleged to have knocked down during a dispute over the rights to perform in a restaurant.

Chan Sing, alias Chan Pak-luk, 30, is being tried before Mr. Justice A. D. Scholes and a Jury of one man and six women.

Chan was accused of causing the death of Liu Hok-ming, alias Liu Ah-hook, 55, on January 28, 1956.

Mr. D. F. O. Mayne, Crown Counsel, is prosecuting. Chan is not represented by Counsel.

In his opening remarks to the Jury, Mr. Mayne said it was not alleged that Chan intended to kill Liu, in which case the charge would have been one of murder.

Dr. Lo Wan-shun, who was stationed at Kowloon Hospital on January 27, 1956, testified that he examined Liu that evening.

Liu was bleeding from the left ear and had a wound on the left side of the mouth. He was in poor condition.

Dr. Lo said Liu was given treatment, but his condition became worse and he died the following day.

A post-mortem revealed a fracture at the left base of the skull, witness went on.

The cause of death in his opinion was hemorrhage and fracture of the skull. Dr. Wong said. The fracture was consistent with the man having fallen and striking his head on the ground.

The wound on the mouth might have been caused by a blow, which must have been a heavy one, he stated.

Kwan Chuen-fai, singer and musician, said in evidence that he knew the deceased and the accused. They carried on their kind of business by visiting various restaurants in Kowloon and entertaining the customers.

Kwan said that shortly after 5 p.m. on January 27, 1956, he went to the Tai Chung Restaurant, Shanghai Street, in connection with a party that was to take place on the upper floor.

His wife, who was in the same line of business, arrived shortly after. Liu came after a while, followed a little later by the accused.

Witness said something to Liu, who went over to the Kong So Restaurant nearby. Kwan went upstairs. When he came down again, Liu had returned from the other restaurant.

Kwan said Chan told him that the deceased was in company with "a group of other people," and asked him not to let Liu stay in the restaurant. Chan appeared to be annoyed.

Chan went out and stood outside the entrance of the restaurant. The deceased also went out.

Kwan said he heard Liu tell Chan, "I dare you to strike me." Chan struck Liu on the left side of the mouth, and Liu fell to the ground.

Witness said that he saw Liu get up and walk away. He did not see Chan strike Liu again.

The officer arrested the unemployed man and this morning, Hui, residing at 1,000, Canton Road, third floor, was brought before Mr. T. L. Yang at Kowloon Court, where he was bound over in \$300 for two years under the Public Order Ordinance.

Inspector S. Y. Wong said FCSB found the defendant walking about in Gascoigne Road near Pak Hoi Street about 1 a.m. yesterday. After a while, the defendant sat down near the roadway and unbuttoned his jacket, exposing orange coloured underclothing of female design. His general behaviour was that of a woman as he sat on the kerb.

MASSEUR BOUND OVER

A constable found 26-year-old Hui Moong-ying loitering in Gascoigne Road on the night of May 6-7 and suspected he had no means of making a proper living.

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Important Witness

The case for the defence appeared to be that the van was behind the lorry, that the van came out, passed the lorry, and having passed it, turned into Hing Fat Street, and that it fell over apparently as the result of a collision.

It was alleged by the defence, said Mr. Bernacchi, that the van driver was wholly to blame and it was also denied that there was any negligence on the part of the second defendant.

Counsel said that there was an important witness in the case, a man who he claimed was sitting beside the deceased at the time.

This was denied by the defence, Counsel went on, and added that he had been informed that the defence proposed to put in a statement said to have been made by this witness.

Boy Arrested

A 12-year-old Chinese boy was arrested at about 6.30 p.m. yesterday following the matching of a sum of money from another Chinese boy at the Central Theatre in Queen's Road Central.

A wrist watch was stolen from a Chinese woman outside 111 Apia Street last night.

FATAL TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

WIDOW CLAIMS AGAINST OWNER AND DRIVER

A fatal traffic accident in King's Road on December 21 1956, in which Mr. G. A. Neves of the Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd was killed, was recalled when his widow brought a claim for damages before Mr. Justice J. R. Gregg in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mrs. Millie Neves, the widow of No. 73 Caine Road is suing Chan Ko-kok, a merchant, and the former owner of a commercial lorry, and Lai Nee, the driver of the lorry at the time of the accident, in the employment of the first defendant.

Plaintiff claims that the death of her husband who was at the time of the accident driving a delivery van was the result of the negligent driving of Lai Nee, the lorry driver.

Defence Denial

The claim is brought under the Fatal Accidents Ordinance for damages for the widow of the deceased, his daughter and three sons, who were his dependants, and under the Law Reform Miscellaneous Provisions Ordinance for the benefit of the estate of the deceased, damages in respect of a shortened expectation of life.

The defence denies that the second defendant was negligent as alleged, and claims on the other hand that the deceased was negligent.

The loss and damage alleged in the claim and the particulars pursued under the Fatal Accidents Ordinance are not admitted by the defence.

Mr. Brook Bernacchi, instructed by Mr. P. C. Woo, of Messrs P. C. Woo and Co. is appearing for the plaintiff.

The defence was represented by Mr. Patrick Yu, instructed by Mr. R. E. Moore of Messrs Deacons.

Mr. Bernacchi said that the claim arose out of a fatal accident on December 21, 1956, as the result of an accident in Causeway Bay.

About To Turn

Counsel said that a delivery van, belonging to the Hongkong Electric Co., was being driven by the deceased along King's Road, opposite Queen's College, and was about to turn into Hing Fat Street, which was at the end of Victoria Park when the lorry, being driven by the second defendant, which was proceeding along the road, struck the back of the van. The impact, Counsel alleged, swivelled the van round, turned it over, and later it was lifted up and put alongside the lorry.

Counsel said that the deceased was trapped under the van and his skull was in fact crushed by the van. Subsequently the van was lifted up to release him.

There were two vehicle inspection reports of the van and the lorry, which were agreed documents, said Counsel. He asked the Court to note that apparently the tyres of the lorry were in very poor condition and that on examination of the vehicle there was a vertical rubber deposit on the front bumper bar and blue paint deposit on the nuts and the near-side door. Counsel added that blue was the colour of the van, so that the blue paint came from the van.

Submission

Mr. Bernacchi submitted that there could be no doubt, on the admission of the defence, that the first defendant must be equally liable with the second defendant to the extent that the second defendant was liable in the case.

Hearing is proceeding.

Woman Assaulted

A Chinese woman was assaulted by two Chinese and robbed of her wrist watch on the stairs, said by Cheung Shiu Lam Village, South Lantau at about 9 p.m. yesterday. The woman received slight head injuries.

On the woman raising an alarm, the two men ran down the stairs, pursued by Cheung Shiu Lam Village, South Lantau at about 9 p.m. yesterday. A Chinese man has been detained by the Police.

Later the same evening, the Police recovered another shot-gun from an unoccupied hut in Muk Tau Village, also on Lantau Island.

Shotguns Seized

A shotgun and four cartridges were seized by the Police during a raid on an unoccupied hut in Cheung Shiu Lam Village, South Lantau at about 9 p.m. yesterday. A Chinese man has been detained by the Police.

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